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SITES EARMARKED FOR 1,000 HOMES

BY JACK AVERTY

MORE than 1,000 homes and 20 new permanent gipsy and traveller pitches are on the way to South Staffordshire.

South Staffordshire Council has earmarked land in Billbrook, Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Coven, Featherstone, Great Wyrley, Kinver, Swindon, Wheaton Aston and Wombourne for the 1,070 new homes.

Additionally, 20 new pitches will be added to existing traveller sites in Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Coven, Coven Heath, Essington, Hatherton and Wombourne. The plans were unveiled in the council's latest site allocation document, which was released to the public this week.

The council announced in 2014 that more than 1,000 new homes need to be built, and consultation has been ongoing.

The final proposals will be carried out unless a successful legal challenge is mounted.

A total of 158 homes have been earmarked for Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley, while 10 and 15 homes are on the way to Swindon and Wheaton Aston respectively. Featherstone is set to see 60 new homes at Brinsford Lodge.

According to Essington councillor David Clifft, his village is 'quite happy' with proposals for two traveller sites to be extended as original proposals included plans for three new sites.

Objections

These sites are The Stables in Old Landywood Lane and Brickyard Cottage.

Codsall is the area where the most homes have been earmarked for, with 230 in total.

Councillor Matt Ewart, who represents Codsall, said the village had been 'signposted for development' because of the facilities already in place. He said: "Due to having schools, shop and pharmacies, Codsall is able to sustain new homes because we have the services."

Perton is due to see the single biggest development with 163 homes earmarked for land west of Wrottesley Park Road. Further south in Kinver, residents have raised objections against one of the sites that has been earmarked, which would be on green belt land. Planners want to see 30 homes on land off Hyde Lane and 30 homes off land south of White Hill.

Wombourne has been earmarked for 179 homes, including 80 on land north of Beggars Bush Lane. Proposals have also been put forward to make one temporary traveller pitch permanent in Poolhouse Road and add another pitch to the site. Coven and Coven Heath are set to see the majority of extra traveller pitches, with proposals put forward to add pitches to sites in Granary Cottage, The Spinney, Brinsford Bridge, Horden Lodge and Glenside.

A total of 40 homes have also been earmarked for land west of School Lane.

In Brewood a traveller site at The Bungalow has been proposed to be extended by two, with 53 homes on the way to land off Engleton Lane.

HEARTFELT TRIBUTES AS JILL LAID TO REST

Jill's twin Sue with other sister Rachel and brother Joe

Jill's husband Gavin Drake and son Myles

HUNDREDS of people said goodbye to Jill Saward – the first rape victim to waive her right anonymity – at an emotional funeral held at Lichfield Cathedral.

Ms Saward, who came to live in Hednesford, became a national figure after she was brutally raped by a gang of intruders at her father's vicarage in Ealing, west London in 1986.

But her legacy will be her bravery in speaking out about the horrific ordeal, her ability to forgive her callous attackers and her endless fight for fellow victims of sex attacks – a campaign which has prompted fundamental changes in law and continues in her stead.

Many wore traditional black on Tuesday to mourn Ms Saward, who died aged 51, two days after suffering a stroke. Others wore bright clothing in celebration of her life, while some, including victims she had helped, chose purple to make a statement against sexual violence.

All remained silent as her coffin was carried into the building through the north west door. The burial sentences were read by Rev Preb Peter Hart, vicar of St Luke's, Cannock. Very Rev Adrian Dorber, The Dean of Lichfield, greeted guests before leading the audience into the hymn 'Freely, Freely'.

Mr Hart read an opening prayer before Ms Saward's twin sister Sue Lancaster, paid a personal and touching tribute to her 'Snij'.

A musical tribute followed from singer/songwriter and family friend, Garth Hewitt. He played Bread of Life – a song which got Ms Saward through her darkest hours. Another close family associate, Rev Gary Piper, from London, delivered his own heartfelt homily.

Mr Hart led further prayers and then the hymn Lord of the Cross of Shame, written by Ms Saward's late father. Bishop of Wolverhampton Rt Rev Clive Gregory delivered the final blessing and the service closed with You'll Never Walk Alone. A private cremation was later held.

Mrs Saward is survived by her husband Gavin Drake, three sons Myles, Rory and Fergus as well as her siblings Sue, Joe and Rachel.

A statement from Gavin Drake can be read at http://gavindrake.co.uk/2017/01/16/goodbye-jilly/

Brave campaigner Jill Saward

STADIUM

Firms submit bid for redevelopment

A DOZEN firms have lodged bids for the redevelopment of Cannock Stadium.

Cannock Chase District Council said it hoped to fully open the new look project, along with a new 3G pitch and allotments, later this year.

Plans for the Pye Green Road scheme were first agreed in 2012 and rubber-stamped in 2014.

The council's culture and sport portfolio leader Councillor Christine Mitchell said the six firms had applied for contracts and they would be chosen 'over the next few weeks or months'.

WEATHER

Crashes and delays as the snow arrives

SNOW showers and icy cold weather put the West Midlands region on a go-slow as motorists faced long waits.

Gritters were out to help deal with the conditions but there were reports on social media of a lack of grip.

Mark Hands tweeted that his 19-year-old son had crashed in Cannock when he was on his on his way to work. He said: "My lad had an accident in Hemlock Way at 4 this morning. Why no grit on the roads? #whypaycounciltax."

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RAILWAYS

Penalties not fare enough, says MP

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has called for fare-dodging fines on the Chase Line to be increased.

She also wants London Midland to ensure ticket machines are in working order along the route, from Walsall to Rugeley.

The MP joined the operator's Revenue Protection Team last year and saw nearly 200 fines issued in one week alone.

She said: "While it is important the ticket machines are in working order, an issue I have raised with London Midland, I am also concerned that the £20 penalty fare is not an effective deterrent to fare dodging."

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Fight duo in spotlight on bar's top table

Carl Frampton – titles

CARL Frampton will share the mic when he comes to Bar Sport in Cannock after fellow Irish world champion Steve Collins was added to the night's line-up.

Reigning WBA 'super' featherweight boss Frampton is the next big attraction in the Premier Suite on Thursday, March 2, *writes Craig Birch*.

He will be joined by Collins, who won WBO titles at middleweight and super middleweight, at the top table to be interviewed by a third world champion.

Telford's Richie Woodhall, who once held the WBC strap at super middle, will pose the questions during the duo's question-and-answer session in his regular role as host. Also returning to the venue will be Irish comedian Mike Cash, who raised laughs supporting Barry McGuigan in Cannock last November.

The McGuigans will again be represented this time out, with Barry's son and Frampton's coach Shane accompanying 'The Jackal.' McGuigan Jr will also bring tales with him of how the feud between David Haye and Tony Bellew is reaching breaking point.

He will be in Haye's corner for the fight, which takes place two days later.

Frampton has ring action before his Cannock date, too, as he's due to defend his crown against the man he beat for the title, Leo Santa Cruz, in a war to settle the score on January 28.

The two will go toe-to-toe in the United States, after Frampton's majority points victory last July.

Win or lose, the 29-year-old from Belfast is already a history maker, after becoming the first Northern Irishman to win world titles in different divisions.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information and to book places for the show, get in touch with Bar Sport directly by calling 01543 572092.

Councillors at odds over waste charges

THE councillor who brought in charges at tips across Staffordshire is 'on another planet' to expect no increase in fly-tipping, a council leader has said.

Cannock Chase Council's leader George Adamson said the county's environment boss Councillor Gill Heath had told him to 'stop talking' about fly-tipping over fears it could encourage more people to dump rubbish.

As Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for environment, Councillor Heath is responsible for a scheme, introduced in November, which sees residents have to pay to get rid of items including soil, rubble and plasterboard.

The district council is responsible for picking up fly-tipped waste, and the county council pay to dispose of it.

Councillor Adamson recalled a conversation with Councillor Heath at a district council meeting last Wednesday. He said: "Her response was 'Stop talking about it, you're encouraging people to do it'.

"I've no intention stopping talking about it. It's an issue for our residents, it's an issue for this council."

Predicted

He referred to an incident near Newcastle-under-Lyme where the road was 'completely blocked by fly-tipping'. "Nothing to do with these charges, because, as Gill Heath said, 'Staffordshire people are too honest. We don't do illegal things; we don't fly-tip'. The woman is on another planet."

Councillor Adamson told the meeting that he will be urging officers to recoup money the council spends on clearing fly-tipped waste from the county council as a result of the policy.

Councillor Heath said: "The evidence is that so far, as predicted, levels of fly-tipping across the county are pretty constant since the introduction of small charges for specific items of non-household waste.

"Sadly there are always some people who will behave anti-socially and they will be prosecuted wherever possible.

"What I said is that I don't believe Staffordshire people will begin acting illegally rather than paying £3 or £4 to take a large bag of non-household waste to the recycling centre," Councillor Heath added.

Keeper defends big-cat enclosures

Anthony Beckwith, of Chipperfield's Circus, with one of the lions being kept at Streetway Farm, in Cannock

A LION and tiger keeper has defended their living conditions after animal rights protesters tried to break into their enclosure.

Anthony Beckwith, who runs Chipperfield's Circus with Thomas Chipperfield, has had an enclosure for wild animals at Streetway Farm in Watling Street, Norton Canes, for the last three years.

The 30-year-old said the location had remained discreet for much of that time but recently gained unwanted attention after being the subject of a national newspaper report. Mr Beckwith said it was targeted by two balaclava-clad protesters who were confronted as they tried to break into the premises on Saturday at 2pm.

He said: "It is the fifth incident in total but this was the first in the middle of the day when we have been able to confront them.

"They said they were just out for a walk and they thought it was a horse sanctuary, even though they were wearing balaclavas with skull masks. We are used to the issues now. This is the longest we've been in one place and the trouble usually dies down. I am just concerned for the others who share the site."

There are currently three tigers and two lions on the site. Mr Beckwith said the enclosures were bigger than legal recommendations, and the animals were stimulated and interacted with daily.

He also said that both Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs and Cannock Chase Council were satisfied with animal welfare standards at the site.

A council spokeswoman said: "We can confirm that these animals are being kept on the site in accordance with a licence issued by the council."

No-one from Staffordshire Police was available for comment.

Employee stole £4k to pay for gambling

A TRADING STANDARDS officer stole thousands of pounds from the council he worked for in an attempt to fund his gambling habit.

Nicholas Mahon used a council credit card he had been entrusted with and took £4,690 from Staffordshire County Council. His crime was uncovered when council bosses undertook an audit and found money had been put into Mahon's PayPal account on eight occasions between October 2012 and August 2014.

The card was used by Mahon under the false name of Thomas Smith to make legitimate test purchases from businesses online as part of his work, Stafford Crown Court heard. An ebay account and a Hotmail account were set up to accompany the credit card.

Mahon, aged 36, of The Saplings, Stafford, was sentenced to eight months in prison suspended for 18 months.

Recorder Michael Elsom told Mahon, who is no longer employed by the council: "You knew you were taking public money. You were doing it because you had an addiction to gambling."

Miss Amrisha Parathalingam, defending, said Mahon has sought help over his addiction from the counselling charity GamCare and is also on antidepressants.

Mahon will repay all of the £4,690 he took from the council. He must also pay £425 costs.

The married father-of-two will also complete 150 hours' unpaid work and will be supervised by a probation officer for the next 12 months. He had admitted one count of theft by employee.

Attacker in court on murder charge

A MAN already in prison for attacking his housemate has appeared in court charged with his murder.

Gareth Rowton is serving an 11-and-a-half year sentence after he admitted a charge of wounding with intent against David Stanton.

Staffordshire Police said Mr Stanton died as a result of 'delayed complications of a severe brain injury' on June 29, 2015.

Rowton, aged 36, was involved in an altercation outside the pair's home in Old Fallow Road, Cannock, on November 9, 2012.

Rowton appeared at Stafford Crown Court via videolink from HMP Dovegate near Uttoxeter on Thursday.

He will next appear at the same court on March 10.

Music fans ready to enjoy Motown

MOTOWN and soul music enthusiasts are invited to dance away their January blues at an event later this month.

The first of this year's Stafford's Got Soul & Motown nights will take place on January 28 at The White Eagle (Polish) Club on Riverway in Stafford.

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Ruling on maternity services 'is insulting'

CAMPAIGNERS have branded a report ruling out the return of full maternity services to County Hospital as 'insulting' and a waste of money.

NHS England announced it would not be safe to bring back a consultant-led service to the Weston Road site in Stafford. It comes despite health bosses raising hopes last year after they launched a public consultation into the move.

Services for medium to high-risk births were transferred to Royal Stoke University Hospital in January 2015, while a maternity-led service for low-risk deliveries remained.

Julian Porter, from the Support Stafford Hospital group, said: "Why waste money doing this when the outcome was always going to be the same?

"They have to do a consultation, otherwise we would challenge it legally and take it to a judicial review. It is just a game to have a consultation. All they are doing is ticking boxes.

"It is obviously disappointing. But the fact they have had to go through all of this is insulting."

NHS England concluded that staffing levels would be difficult to maintain at the hospital, the number of births would be too low to provide the adequate experience for staff, and the move would be financially unviable.

David Levy, NHS England Regional Medical Director (Midlands and East), added: "Patient safety is always our overriding priority and has been the leading principle underpinning this review."

Amazon worker took £1.6k goods

A MAN admitted taking more than £1,000 of IT equipment from his employer.

Constantin Sadhu worked for Amazon at its Rugeley base until last month. The 22-year-old was seen by employees placing empty packages in the bin during a shift on December 12.

A screening device showed he had attempted to steal computer chips and memory cards. He admitted he had also taken other equipment.

In total, the items taken by Sadhu were worth £1,666.57. Sadhu, of Haskell Street, Walsall, was unrepresented at Cannock Magistrates Court.

He admitted one count of theft by employee. A pre-sentence report will be prepared before Sadhu, who was bailed, is sentenced on January 24.

Food and crafts on sale at market

PENKRIDGE Market will be holding a Fine Food & Craft Market on Saturday. between 9am and 3.30pm.

There will be food plus local crafts on sale in the indoor market. Admission to the event and parking is free.

Watchdog wants to hear from patients

Jan Sensier

A HEALTH watchdog is calling on patients to be vigilant about standards of care as hospitals in Staffordshire struggle to cope with a surge in demand.

The record number of people visiting Accident and Emergency departments throughout the county has led to long delays for those with non-critical illnesses.

Hospital bosses have repeated calls for residents to attend only if they have serious or life-threatening conditions and say they continually review whether patients' safety is being affected by delays.

Healthwatch Staffordshire says members of the public can help ensure the problems are not repeated and is urging anyone affected to get in touch.

Jan Sensier, chief executive of Engaging Communities Staffordshire, which delivers Healthwatch, said: "The crisis that has hit hospitals in this area in the new year is clearly unacceptable, and we want to help make sure it doesn't happen again.

"All health services are under tremendous strain, but particularly A&E, so it's very important to be vigilant about standards of care and to make sure they're standing up to the extra pressure. If anyone does encounter problems with services, I'd urge them to let us know as quickly as possible, and we'll pass on the message to health providers and commissioners." Ms Sensier says it is important for people to consider their options when seeking treatment.

She added: "Accident and Emergency departments are too often seen as the automatic choice for out-of-hours healthcare.

"That creates extra pressure in itself, as hospitals and staff can struggle to cope with the high volume of extra patients, and those who truly need emergency care have longer waiting times as a result.

Comments about healthcare can be left at at www.healthwatchstaffordshire.co.uk/x2 or call free on 0800 051 8371.

Health trusts fall short of A&E waiting target

THE time patients can expect to wait at A&E departments varies dramatically between hospitals in Staffordshire and the Black Country, new figures show.

The NHS guidelines for hospital trusts is that at least 95 per cent of patients are dealt with within four hours of admission.

However, the latest figures from the NHS, for October, show only Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital meets the target, with 95.5 per cent of 15,289 patients seen within the four hours.

New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton saw 92.3 per cent of 11,108 patients within the target, while Sandwell General Hospital saw 86.1 per cent of 14,272 patients within the target in the month. But the picture was different at other hospitals in the region.

At Walsall Manor Hospital, 80.9 per cent of 6,388 patients were dealt with within the four-hour period, meaning thousands more were left facing long waits over four hours

And at University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM), which runs Royal Stoke University Hospital and County Hospital in Stafford, 76.5 per cent of 15,000 patients were seen within the target time.

Demand

The figures were taken ahead of a busy winter period which saw many hospitals see admission numbers to A&E escalate.

At Russells Hall Hospital, more than 600 patients attended its emergency department every day, resulting in an 'unprecedented' demand with bosses urging people to think twice before attending.

Paula Clark, chief executive at UHNM, said: "UHNM was exceptionally busy in the latter part of 2016, and as we outlined to our board and the public, this pressure has carried on into January 2017 and we anticipate that this will continue for the foreseeable future.

"At the time, we were continuing to care for hundreds of people who were medically fit to leave our hospitals but were unable to do so due to a lack of suitable care packages at home or within the community, which the reflects the strain that all local services are under.

"This had a significant effect on the number of patients waiting in our A&E departments before being admitted to a ward, and all health and care partners have been working extremely hard to put suitable alternatives in place," she added.

Apprentice stonemason Peter Cross with Tommy Walsh at the Stone Federation's awards ceremony in London

Peter's skills set in stone

AN apprentice stonemason who works in Cannock won a top prize at a glittering ceremony in London.

Peter Cross was named trainee mason of the year for 2016 at the Stone Federation's annual event in the capital.

Peter, who is 17, works for Croft Building and Conservation and was awarded his prize by TV celebrity builder Tommy Walsh.

He was found to be the apprentice who has shown the most promise, commitment and consistency since he started training.

He said: "I like the idea of turning a block of stone into work that is used on a building and looks aesthetically pleasing.

"I couldn't believe I had been nominated for this award. It was fantastic to go to London and attend such a prestigious event."

Marian Davies, director of Croft Building and Conservation, said: "From day one he showed great discipline and accuracy. He is always listening and enthusiastic, striving for perfection. Aged just 17, his work is admired by his peers. He will be a real asset to the industry."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorists alerted to delays on route

DRIVERS in Cannock Chase are warned to expect delays on the popular A460.

Two-way signals will be in place on Eastern Way between the junctions with Lichfield Road and Hayes Way.

Staffordshire County Council is carrying out investigation work for potential highways improvements, which is due to last until February 3.

Further north on the road, between Hednesford and Rugeley, two-way signals are in place at the junction with Walkers Rise. Those signals will be in place until February 2.

Health protesters in London rally

DOZENS of health campaigners are gearing up to join a national rally in London opposing cuts and closures to NHS services.

Support Stafford Hospital (SSH) is hoping to turn out in force on March 4. The group, which has vehemently demonstrated against downgrades to County Hospital in recent years, believes that the fight for services has now become a nationwide campaign.

Julian Porter of SSH said: "We have done all we can locally to oppose downgrades to Stafford but now is the time to join forces with other groups."

£10,000 award for bird-watch camera

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust has been given almost £10,000 towards a special project to allow residents to view the world's fastest animal from the comfort of their own home.

The trust submitted a project to be entered into The Aviva Community Fund to install a camera on the cliffs at its Roaches nature reserve, near Leek, to monitor the peregrine falcons which have previously nested there.

The cameras will be installed ahead of Peregrine Watch in March.

Christopher a design winner at boat show

A STUDENT from Staffordshire University won the top prize in the Superyacht UK Young Designer Competition 2017 at the London Boat Show.

Christopher Karam was presented with is prize by Sports Minister Tracey Crouch. Runner-up Michael Hollier also studies at Staffordshire University. Both won work experience at top shipyards.

Nine students from universities across the UK had 36 hours to sketch their design entries at the show.

Sweets to be moved

THE Co-op Group is to remove sweets with marketing and packaging aimed at children from its store checkouts. It will also provide a range of healthier snacks. The assurance has been given to David Hallam, who is the West Midlands representative on the Co-op Members' Council.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

A READER tells me he saw his doctor last week. This week he received an email from a funeral-insurance company. Just keep telling yourself it's pure coincidence.

AFTER my recent piece on police being unwilling to carry guns, a retired cop recalls that, although he never wanted a pistol, he found himself with one during a raid. It had fallen out of another officer's holster.

ANOTHER ex-cop tells me the prospect of arming some bobbies chills his blood. He says: "Some of the younger bobbies on my old shift were so gung-ho they would have shot each other before they had got out of the parade-room door. Interestingly, the officers really opposed to being armed were ex soldiers."

A TEAM of blacked-up Morris dancers started their show in Birmingham and were heckled and abused and forced to clear off. Well, what did they expect? The Alvechurch Morris men claim to be following an old tradition of dancers blackening their faces so as not to be recognised by their employers. Bunkum. This practice was confined to small parts of Wales, centuries ago. Why has it become so popular with Morris sides all over England, especially one like the Alvechurch team which was founded less than 30 years ago? Look at old photos of Morris sides and you'll find virtually all the faces are white. Blacking-up is not some revered old tradition but a modern choice, and in the middle of multicultural Brum a very silly choice.

OH, dear. It's been another terrible week for those people variously described as Bremainers or Remoaners. They deserve a new name, something to capture their growing acceptance of Brexit, coupled with undying dismay. I toyed with Les Miserables but that's far too European. So instead, let us call them the Glums. Having spent months warning darkly that new trade agreements could take a decade, the Glums watched in horror as Boris Johnson met the Trump team and sewed up some sort of understanding with the Yanks over coffee. Okay, it's not a proper trade agreement but as we are gradually discovering, you do not need a trade agreement in order to agree to trade.

FOR amateur weather forecasters, this is a significant time of year. According to the Diall of Daies published in 1590, each of the first 12 days of January predicts the weather for the year to come. The afternoon of January 8, for example, indicates the weather for June. And today's weather is a sort of summary for 2017's weather overall. Do not throw away ye olde seaweede.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Trees fall as gales bring travel misery

TREES were blown down, rail services disrupted and a market was forced to closed as gale-force winds battered the region.

Staffordshire and the West Midlands were hit by strong winds last Wednesday as weather up and down the country took a turn for the worse.

Fallen trees left motorists and rail passengers with long delays as roads and lines were blocked. In the Walsall borough, which was one of the region's worst areas to be affected by the weather, Willenhall market was forced to close 'in the interest of public safety'.

Rail services between Four Oaks and Lichfield Trent Valley were suspended for a period after a tree came down on over-head cables.

Engineers from London Midland used a chainsaw to remove the tree.

Drivers in Staffordshire bore the brunt of problems due to fallen trees.

In Stafford a tree partially blocked the A518 at Coton Avenue leading to morning rush hour delays.

Drivers were also faced with a blocked road near to Freedom Brewery in Abbots Bromley.

Beau Desert Golf Club at Hazelslade had to close a number of holes because of 15 to 20 fallen trees.

A fallen tree in Abbots Bromley *Picture: Steve Wood*

Drivers delayed and schools shut in snow

By Jack Averty

MORE than 50 schools were forced to close and drivers faced delays as 'severe' snow battered Staffordshire.

Dozens of gritters were out in force as snow fell heavier than expected in the county on Friday.

Stunning pictures showed areas across the region coated in white.

But despite its beauty the snow led to problems for residents as schools and recycling centres were forced to close.

Chase View Primary and St Joseph's Catholic Primary in Rugeley, Chasetown Community School in Burntwood, Hazel Slade Primary in Cannock and Hednesford Valley High in Hednesford were all closed for the day because of the snow.

Burntwood recycling centre and others further north in the county were also closed in the morning because of the weather, but reopened by the afternoon.

Grit

The snow also led to problems on the roads. At 4am, a white hatchback was left badly damaged following a crash in Hemlock Way, Cannock.

Staffordshire County Council confirmed it had treated the road overnight – and reminded residents and drivers that grit does not remove ice or snow.

As well as gritters, snow blowers were also out on the county's roads in an attempt to keep them open.

The council's highways chief, Mark Deaville, thanked residents for their careful driving.

He said: "The snow was really quite severe but we were well prepared. Our gritting teams and snow ploughs worked hard throughout the night and continued into the morning. They did a tremendous job as most roads stayed open.

"What I was impressed with was seeing more people using public transport and people's careful driving in difficult conditions.

"This all helped in allowing us to continue as normal."

An aerial view of snow-covered Staffordshire *Picture: Midlands Air Ambulance*

The scene in Hemlock Way, Cannock *@markhands71*

Snow sweeps across Burntwood *Picture: Steve Derry*

'Branch line' warning on transfer to HS2 route

THE West Coast Main Line could see fewer services and become 'little more than a branch line' once HS2 opens, an MP has warned.

Michael Fabricant says he fears for the future of the route if the Government pushes forward with plans to transfer scores of national services to high-speed rail.

The Lichfield MP has met with Transport Secretary Chris Grayling to discuss concerns over passenger access to fast Pendolino services once HS2 is up and running.

It comes after Mr Grayling said the West Coast Main Line would have the scope to provide better local services throughout the Black Country and Staffordshire once fast trains were rerouted. Mr Fabricant said the Transport Secretary had told him that Pendolino trains may have been taken out of service due to their age once HS2 comes into operation.

"With Pendolinos offering a 75-minute service down to Euston, I do not want to see that service diminished by no replacement fast trains," he said.

"I want to see more fast services to London and the north from Lichfield once line capacity becomes freed up after the opening of HS2 – not fewer services.

"And it won't just be Lichfield affected if they don't replace the Pendolinos. All stations along the West Coast Main Line will be affected if the Government starts to treat it as a branch line." Mr Grayling has insisted 'there will be room for both' the West Coast Main Line and HS2.

Inspector praises a love of learning

AN Ofsted inspector has praised a Cannock school, saying that 'the love of learning is very much alive'.

St Luke's CE Primary School in New Penkridge Road continues to be rated as 'good'. Staff and pupils were visited by Marilyn Mottram, who said the children were 'happy, confident and proud of their school'.

She praised the staff for their 'continued focus on improving the quality of teaching'. Ms Mottram also said parents had been full of praise.

They also overwhelmingly agreed that their children are well cared for and felt safe at the school.

The inspection report said that in 2016, a high proportion of the most-able pupils reached greater depth in reading, writing and maths by the end of Year 6.

Golf club hands £455 to Promise Dreams

CANNOCK Chase Golf Club donated £455 to Wolverhampton-based charity Promise Dreams.

Seniors captain Geoff Leo handed over the money which had been raised by members during 2016 to the charity's corporations manager Dan Smith.

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Traders in court over unlicensed fireworks

TRADERS in Staffordshire who sold fireworks they were not licensed to stock have been handed community orders after being prosecuted by the county council.

The offences took place when both shops were visited by county council trading standards officers.

In October and November 2015, officers visited Elite Fireworks in Tudor Row, Wade Street, Lichfield, where powerful fireworks were being sold without a licence.

Iain Crow, aged 38, andPaul Lyon, 39, pleaded guilty to eight offences for breaching the Explosives Regulations 2014 and one offence under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

The District Judge at North Staffordshire Justice Centre ordered both to serve community orders of 12 months with a requirement to complete 200 hours of unpaid work each. He also ordered them to pay a £60 victim surcharge and £1,211 costs each.

Officers also visited Lakeside Stores Ltd at 1 Swift, Lakeside, Tamworth, where fireworks were being sold without the correct licence. Store owners Aaron Dhaliwal, 25, and Charanjeev Purewal, 26, pleaded guilty to three offences for breaching the Explosives Regulations.

The District Judge ordered them to serve a community order of 12 months with a requirement to complete 200 hours of unpaid work each. He also ordered them to pay a £60 victim surcharge and £1,211 costs each.

In both cases, all seized fireworks will be destroyed.

Plans submitted for retail scheme

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land adjacent Milestone Way and rear of 29-39 Cannock Road (Olaf Johnson site), Burntwood – retail development comprising three pod units for use within Classes A1, A2, A3 & A5 and up to nine units for use within Class A1 retail together with a drive-thru restaurant and associated access, car parking, servicing, and landscaping works.

Dimble Cottage, Newlands Lane, Stockwell Heath, Rugeley – erection of a detached double garage.

Lea Lane Cottage, Lea Lane, Rugeley – Two-storey extension to side to form lounge, dining room and study at ground-floor level; one bedroom, dressing area and bathroom at first-floor level.

£700 handed to first responders

A SUPERMARKET handed over £700 to first responders after a charity appeal.

Penkridge and District First Responders were given £710 by Sainsbury's Local in Penkridge.

Vandals wreck deer warning devices

One of the damaged posts

DAMAGE estimated at £1,800 was caused when posts designed to prevent deer fatalities on busy roads were vandalised.

Installed last year, the posts emit an alarm when deer approach, making them turn away from roads.

They have been trialled in recent months but vandals targeted half of the posts, and some were stolen.

A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "If you've been travelling around the Cannock Chase and Burntwood areas you may have noticed some new posts at the side of the road. These posts are deer deterrents and are designed to create a virtual fence to prevent deer from being hit by traffic.

"When traffic is approaching they emit an audible and visual alarm to startle any nearby deer, hopefully causing them to run away from the road. Over recent months they have been trialled in various locations around the area.

"However, about half of those that were installed have been vandalised. Between Wednesday, November 30 and Friday, December 2 approximately £1,800 of damage was caused and deer are once again in danger of being hit by traffic."

Last month a deer and its fawn were killed and left lying in the road after they were hit by a car in Burntwood. David and Rebecca King, aged 35 and 33, were in Milestone Way when they came across the scene on New Year's Eve at 5.30pm.

Mr King removed the deer from the road while his wife called the rangers.

Rebecca's mother Pat Gittings said: "This stretch of road encircles Burntwood and unfortunately is an open invitation for some people to speed."

New takeaway service aims to cut food waste

A NEW takeaway service which helps to reduce the amount of food waste has been launched in Cannock.

Entitled 'Too Good to Go', the new app service allows residents to collect excess food from restaurants at discounted prices.

The app, which is available for free downloaded through Apple and Android app stores, acts as a link between restaurants with excess food and customers who can place orders to collect it at a reduced price.

Restaurants, portions available and prices are listed on the app, and the customer then makes an order, presents a receipt at the designated pick-up time and fills an eco-friendly biodegradable takeaway box with the food on offer.

Loft 89 is the first place in Cannock to sign up to the app scheme.

Originally launching in Leeds, Too Good to Go claims to have saved more than 14,000 meals from becoming waste in the space of six months.

Response

Co-founder Chris Wilson said: "After successful launches in London, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds, we are expanding our fight against food waste in the UK every day.

"We have had a great response from restaurants and customers so far, and can't wait to engage with the waste-conscious community in the Cannock even further.

"Our mission is to place the lost value back onto food as something which belongs in bellies, not bins – all while helping local restaurant and businesses to thrive.

"Users have access to delicious food at more affordable prices whilst restaurants can make a profit on food they would otherwise throw in the bin. Aside from this, our main aim is to put a desperately needed dent in the 600,000 tonnes of food that is wasted by restaurants each year."

As well as cutting down waste to help the environment, Too Good to Go has also integrated a Pay-It-Forward scheme into the app, allowing residents in Cannock to donate meals to those in need for as little as £1.

Figures show 2.3 million UK children live in poverty, while 10,570 tonnes of food were given out to people in crisis between 2015 and 2016 equating to more than one million meals.

Elbow lined up for Chase concert

Guy Garvey of Elbow, who will be performing on Cannock Chase this summer

MERCURY Prize winning rock band Elbow have been revealed as the first act to take part in this year's Forest Live concert series in Cannock.

The Manchester group, whose albums include The Seldom Seen Kid, Build A Rocket Boys and The Take Off and Landing of Everything, will perform on Cannock Chase on July 7.

Stand-out gigs from the band's history include numerous performances in Glastonbury Festival's sunset slot and taking part in the closing ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games. The band will release their seventh studio album, Little Fictions, on February 3.

Last year saw Cannock welcome Kaiser Chiefs, Paul Heaton and Jacquie Abbott and James Bay for a series of summer concerts, with the likes of Robert Plant and Paul Weller also coming to the site in previous years. Forest Live is an independent programme organised by the Forestry Commission to bring forests to new audiences.

Income from ticket sales is spent on protecting, improving and expanding England's forests and woodlands and increasing their value to people and wildlife.

Tickets for Elbow's Forest Live show are £41.50 plus £4.65 booking fee available tomorrow (Friday) at 9am on 03000 680400 or at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

NEWS IN BRIEF

Car chase ends in drugs arrest

A MAN led police on a pursuit through Cannock before being arrested for possession of drugs.

A large force presence including a police helicopter was spotted at the Orbital Retail Park on Wednesday night last week.

It has now been confirmed that a man led officers on a short vehicle chase through the town before running off and ultimately being detained.

Drugs were found in the car, and further inquiries are being made. The suspect was released on police bail.

Lucky 13th for lottery players

FRIDAY the 13th proved to be lucky for three Cannock postcode winners who won £1,000 each.

The Belmont Close residents, who share the postcode WS11 8SS, landed the People's Postcode Lottery's daily prize.

People's Postcode Lottery ambassador Judie McCourt said: "So much for Friday the 13th being unlucky!"

A minimum of 30 per cent of ticket sales goes directly to charities – the People's Postcode Lottery has raised more than £168 million to date for good causes in Britain and abroad.

Thief targets van and flees on bike

SAT NAVS, bank cards and cash were recovered by police after a VW van was broke into while it was parked outside a house in Dorchester Road, Cannock, at 3.30am on January 7.

Its owner disturbed the thief after hearing noises, before seeing the offender ride off on a Vittesse Aeroblade 21-speed racing bike which is also believed to have been stolen. Police are trying to reunite it with its owner.

A 37-year-old man has been arrested and bailed.

Charity shop appeals for more volunteers

THE Mind shop in Burntwood is looking for more volunteers.

The charity would welcome support from people willing to help with tasks such as sorting, steaming, pricing, handling sales and customer service.

Regional manager David Elvidge said: "Volunteering at the Mind shop in Burntwood is a great way to give something back to the local community." Visit www.mind.org.uk/mindshops or call in at the shop at Unit 8 Burntwood Shopping Precinct.

Walking on the Chase

CHASE Ramblers will be going on an eight-mile moderate walk on Cannock Chase this Sunday. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details contact Jean on 01889 570178. New walkers are welcome.

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

NHS: We need to be more realistic

SOME years ago a man came into our office with a complaint about the charity then known as Age Concern.

He was furious that somebody from the charity who was supposed to have planed his door had not shown up.

"Why do you always ask people for their age?" asked our receptionist when he had gone. I suggested that maybe a fit, healthy man in his mid-50s possibly could do his own DIY.

Which brings me to the "humanitarian crisis" which is supposed to be engulfing the NHS at the moment.

There are no easy answers. We have a growing and ageing population and more costly procedures and drugs than ever before, not helped by profiteering drug companies.

And while there are plenty of people who say it is all down to funding, these people tend to have a stock reply when asked how much extra tax they are prepared to pay.

Nothing. It should be somebody else who pays for it.

Then there are the vast swathes of the population who take the attitude that if a service is free to use, they might as well use it.

We've all met them. They take a fortnight off work every time they sneeze. They call their GP when they get indigestion. And rock up at A & E every time they get a headache. And shout a lot when they don't get immediate attention.

A bit like middle-aged men who think a charity for the elderly should do their home improvements.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt has come in for a lot of stick for suggesting the four-hour waiting targets should only apply to people with urgent conditions, but I tend to think it is a fair point.

If people expect Bupa standards of healthcare, we are going to have to start paying Bupa prices. All of us. Otherwise, we are going to need a mature debate about what we can reasonably expect from the NHS.

And it might mean that while priority is given to those with genuine life-threatening conditions, those with conditions that can wait will have to do just that. Wait.

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A LOT has been made of the number of celebrity deaths over recent months, but none has made me sadder than that of former Villa, Wolves and England manager Graham Taylor.

Maybe it's because football is a bigger part of my life than film, television or music.

But maybe it is because the loss of the bright young manager who arrived at Villa Park in 1987 reminds us of our own mortality.

Either way, he will be greatly missed.

Bank clerk Tanya Nelson weighing out coins in 1983

Batches of coins being moved at the Royal Mint in 1983

Why pound in pocket is all about to change

Our new £1 won't just look very different, its value is nothing like it was years ago, as Mark Andrews reports

HAD a look at your change lately? Noticed how many shiny new £1 coins have been issued over the past few months?

Well don't get too attached to them. By October they will cease to be legal tender.

A new, 12-sided £1 coin – designed by Walsall teenager David Pearce – will enter circulation on March 28, and by October 15 the familiar round pound will be no more. Given that there are thought to be 1.5 billion of these coins in circulation, it is going to be a very big operation.

When the pound coin was introduced on April 21, 1983, the response was muted to say the least. Just 10 months earlier, the 20p piece had been introduced, with many consumers, particularly the older generation, complaining that it was too small – smaller than the 2p, 5p or 10p coins of the day, for example.

Walsall youngster David Pearce whose design was chosen from 6,000 competition entries

Inflation

So when the long established £1 note was replaced by a metal coin after more than a decade of heavy inflation, it was perhaps little surprise that consumers felt it reflected the decline in the pound's worth.

Back in 1967, when prime minister Harold Wilson famously assured us that the pound in our pockets had not been devalued, a £1 note would have bought a discounted winter coat in the sale at Shrewsbury's ABC Warehouse. Or failing that, it would be enough to pay for 10 loaves of bread, or six pints of beer in a pub.

But by the time the pound coin arrived in 1983, it did not go so far – enough to buy a single pint of Carling Black Label, or five pints of milk.

Today, it will typically buy two pints of milk, or a single loaf of bread. But forget a trip to your local – a typical pint is now nearer £4.

As far back as 1980, the Royal Mint observed it had 'become apparent that with the general decline in purchasing power, the £1 unit of currency was more appropriate to a coin than a banknote'.

Before the coin was introduced in mainland Britain, there had been a not-especially-successful trial in the Isle of Man. Many people refused to acknowledge the new coin, causing them to more or less disappear from circulation. The Manx Treasurer was left with little choice but to print a new batch of £1 notes.

The original £1 coin was designed by the Bank of England's chief engraver Eric Sewell, who was very proud of his new design. He said it was very distinctive and could easily be picked out from lesser coins in a purse or pocket of change. But on launch day it was reported that some critics said they would spend it like loose change because that was precisely what it was.

The reasons for switching from the note to the coin were logical enough.

In 1983, a paper £1 note had an average lifespan of just nine months, whereas it was estimated that the new coins would last at least 40 years. The number of early £1 coins still in circulation is testament to their durability.

Unsurprisingly, the vending trade was very supportive of the move, too, as it allowed machines to be adapted to accept larger amounts of money. The launch of the new coin also coincided with the growth of pay-and-display car parking machines.

Given the pound's origins, it is perhaps not surprising that some people felt the small coin had cheapened its value. The oldest currency in the world, the pound took its name from its weight in silver during Norman times – 240 old silver pennies weighed one pound. No wonder people thought they were being short-changed. The reverse designs of the £1 coin represented the UK and its four constituent parts – Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England and the first series of designs took floral emblems as its theme.

Resistance to the coins turned out to be comparatively shortlived, and the last pound notes were phased out in 1988. Besides, there was far more to complain about in 1990, with the introduction of the new smaller £5 notes and 5p coins. But while the pound coin has largely been accepted by the general public, it has given birth to another problem. Forgery.

From the start, the £1 coin has been forged on a prolific scale, Ironically, one of the reasons the coins proved so popular with forgers was the ease of disposing of them in vending machines.

Surveys by the Royal Mint have estimated that up to three in every 100 £1 coins are fakes, and this has been a major driver in the redesign. David Gauke, chief secretary to the Treasury, has pledged that the new £1 coin will be harder to forge than ever before.

Lighter

The new coin will be made from two metals, with a gold-coloured outer ring and a silver-coloured inner ring. It has an image that changes from a '£' symbol to the number '1' when the coin is seen from different angles. It also has very small lettering on both sides of the coin and milled edges. It is thinner and lighter than the round pound, but its diameter is slightly larger.

While the existing pound coin has changed little since 1983, people's spending habits have, with greater use of plastic and the internet.

According to figures from the Payments Council, cold hard cash accounted for 86 per cent of payments in the UK in the mid-1980s, but by 2011 this had dropped to 55 per cent. The decline in cash usage has coincided with the rise in automated payments such as direct debits and standing orders.

Debit cards made up almost one fifth of payments by 2011, but they made none when the £1 coin was first introduced because the debit card was not brought in until 1987.

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‘Shaving’ rash turned out to be rare cancer

A WOMAN who thought she had a shaving rash on her legs was devastated when she found out it was cancer.

Rhiannon Douglas, from Cannock, noticed the red rash on her legs but assumed it was down to shaving.

It quickly spread and after being rushed to A&E with back pains, tests revealed she had a 3.3in (8.5cm) mass growing in her chest.

The receptionist’s worst fears were confirmed when she was diagnosed with nodular sclerosis lymphoma – a rare type of Hodgkin lymphoma.

Doctors told the 21-year-old that her rash was a rare symptom of her type of cancer.

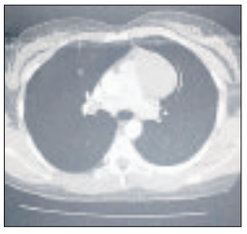
Had it not flared, they said, it was unlikely she would have been diagnosed in time to be treated.

Since her diagnosis in November, her tumour has shrunk, and she now has regular scans once a month.

She is hoping to be in remission by the summer and is sharing her story to raise awareness for the bizarre symptoms cancer can cause.

Rhiannon Douglas, aged 21, thought she had a shaving rash

Panic – the rash which appeared on Rhiannon’s legs



Tests revealed that there was a mass growing in her chest

Shocked

She said: “I couldn’t believe that the rash on my legs was a rare sign of cancer.

“I had never heard or seen of this before so I was completely shocked when I found out.

“At first I just thought the rash was caused by shaving. It made sense as it was my cousin’s wedding a few days before, and because I was wearing a dress I had shaved my legs.

“But when it started to spread I panicked and thought it was meningitis and went straight to the doctor,” she added.

“My legs were constantly burning, I could only wear loose-fitted clothes and I couldn’t wear shoes. I had to live in flip flops.”

She first noticed the rash in May 2016 but it wasn’t until it started to spread that she saw a doctor who told her she had Henoch schonlein purpura (HSP) – a rare condition in which blood vessels become inflamed.

She was sent away and told to take ibuprofen but soon her symptoms started to worsen.

Despite the aggressive nature of Hodgkin lymphoma, it is one of the most easily treated types of cancer, and her tumour had shrunk to 3in (7.5cm) by last month.

She added: “I was misdiagnosed several times, and it took six months before I started to get pains in my joints and back.

“I was sent to A&E, and that’s where they found the mass on my chest.

“When I was told that I had cancer I felt numb.

“I now want to urge others to always get a second opinion.

Caught

“It’s really important to be aware of the rare signs of cancer.

“Luckily mine was caught in time but unfortunately this may not be the case for everyone.”

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Many lack the support they need

A HUMANITARIAN crisis is how the Red Cross described the situation in the NHS.

Simon Stevens, chief executive of the NHS, says real spending by the Government on the NHS is going down.

The Royal College of Nurses says conditions in the NHS are the worst it has ever experienced. The Royal College of Physicians says it is the worst it has ever been.

Yet what is Theresa May's response? She says that the reports are overblown!

The fact is that bed numbers have been reduced and there are newly published plans in Staffordshire to reduce them even more.

They also plan to get rid of our minor injuries unit in Cannock Hospital, which will force more people to go to A&E.

Social care is underfunded leaving many without the support that they desperately need.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Cannock

Did we really thrive being granny-reared?

"KIDS are finicky eaters these days," said the wife, pacing the lounge with her step counter.

I pondered this, having been 'granny-reared'. No exotic weaning. No nutritiously chosen food jars for us.

A buttered crust would be held to your mouth. A bottle of milky tea propped on a cushion.

When it sagged you'd grip the teat for grim death.

If the child ailed, a drop of brandy would be added. You advanced to mash and gravy. Soon you'd be choking on a piece of grandad's bacon or pork pie.

Praise was given if wind was released, top or bottom – 'Good boy'. When school started, teacher soon put a stop to it.

Death by trapped wind haunted their generation. Syrup of figs was administered often.

Faced with sparrow-legs, grandma could push a nappy pin through six layers of nappy to make a good seal.

Fear of the nappy pin soon had you potty trained. The pram was a utility vehicle.

You could be lying next to groceries, firewood, a sack of potatoes.

Saturday morning, prams, some with kids in, would gather at the gasworks for fire coke.

Chewing on a new lump of shiny coke topped up any deficient minerals.

Thrive? Well, apart from acid reflux, hiatus hernia and nappy pin scars, yes.

K GEE
Rugeley

Household bills begin to creep up

WE are already feeling the effects of Brexit.

The value of the pound has fallen by 10 per cent, and is expected to fall more when we trigger Article 50.

While this is good news for the City and in the short term for businesses that export (while they still have access to the single market) what about the rest of us?

This fall in the pound means that everything we import, ie raw materials (particularly oil), food and clothing etc will have to rise.

I have already started to notice the extra cost when filling the car with petrol and doing our weekly shop.

The knock-on effect of this is that inflation is now expected to rise to at least three per cent by the end of 2017 even before we have left the EU. Is this what those who voted to leave the EU really wanted, to take us back to the mess we were in during the 1970s before we joined the EU?

DAVE CAUSER
Rugeley

I'm feeling the pain of these futile claims

I CAN understand Mr Ward's frustration in his complaint about potholes ("Road to nowhere for pothole claimants", January 5). I had a nasty tumble in Rugeley town where 50 per cent of the blocks are loose and sticking up.

I spent five hours in hospital with a nasty gash on my hand which still plays up after nine months. I have got to have keyhole surgery on my knees which are damaged.

My legs were black and blue, top to bottom, but the council said there is nothing the matter, even though photos were supplied.

My advice to people in Rugeley or elsewhere is, don't fall over, because you won't win.

They fixed the place where I fell, although they denied there was anything wrong. Good luck to all.

JOHN T CONNOLLY
Rugeley

Government cuts are an attack on the sick

THE NHS is on the verge of collapse, and it's mainly due to Tory cuts, the downsizing of district and general hospitals, and the infiltration of the free market economy over the past three and a half decades.

The £22 billion of current government cuts (so-called efficiency savings) are a disgrace and an attack on the sick.

And the use of rip-off private agency staff and cuts to social services is destroying a service that was designed to provide proper jobs in a state-owned service where treatment should be free at source to all.

Waiting lists would become a thing of the past if private practise were banned in the NHS. Consultants are using NHS equipment, nurses that are trained on taxpayers money and a rent-free premises. It's just greed, they are already on a fantastic salary, and the practise should be terminated,

PAUL WITTON
Cannock

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lights raised £1,700

WE would like to say a big thank you to everyone who visited our Christmas lights display at 8 Squirrel Close, Huntington. The total raised from the kind and generous donations was £1,708.26p. This amount has been given to the Midlands Air Ambulance charity. Once again, thank you very much to everyone for your generous support.

PAUL & JANE CARPENTER
Huntington

Does anyone know about a minders' hunger march?

I AM currently writing an article on the March of the Blanketeers for the 200th anniversary of this event in 2017.

Assuming this was the first of the 'hunger marches', I was surprised to see in E P Thompson's famous book The Making of the English Working Class a footnote saying "The Staffordshire miners had set a precedent in 1816 with the first 'hunger march'," but he provides no details. I have not seen any reference to this march anywhere else.

I would like to ask readers whether they have any information on what the miners did and what happened? It may be that this was the start of an important trend.

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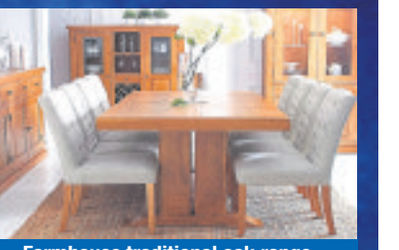
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APC's turnover breaks through £100m barrier

CANNOCK-BASED delivery firm APC Overnight has broken the £100 million barrier for the first time as the company continues to grow.

The company, based at its four-year-old headquarters at Kingswood Lakeside, has reopened its former base in Essington to give it more space to handle growing numbers of deliveries.

Over the year to the end of March 2016, turnover at APC rose by 3.6 per cent to £102.4 million. Spending on its facilities and on reorganising parts of the business mean profits dipped slightly to £2.3m, according to accounts just filed at Companies House.

The firm employs nearly 500 people collecting, sorting and distributing parcels from its hubs in Staffordshire to member companies in its UK-wide network through 115 local depots.

Invested

Chief executive Jonathan Smith said: "The financial year ending March 2016 has been strong, particularly during the latter half. It has provided an excellent foundation for our 2017-18 plans to grow the business."

In the end-of-year accounts, APC's directors said: "It was an important year with the business being reshaped across key areas."

A review to make its hub operations more efficient and to increase APC's capacity included remodelling both the Cannock and Essington sites to run as a dual hub operation.

APC moved its headquarters from its site in Essington to a new national hub at Lakeside in July 2013. But, responding to growth in the business, APC reopened the 60,000 sq ft Essington hub in November.

Business is booming – the APC Overnight sorting hall at Kingswood Lakeside

JCB secures £5.5m deal

JCB has won a deal to supply a Scottish plant hire firm with nearly 100 new machines as part of an order worth £5.5 million.

Falkirk-based Lomond Plant has purchased the models to support its expansion plans, which have already seen growth into north-west England – with depots in Yorkshire and the Midlands set to follow.

The company has taken delivery of machines including tracked excavators manufactured at JCB Heavy Products in Uttoxeter and JCB's iconic 3CX backhoe loaders built at its headquarters in Rocester.

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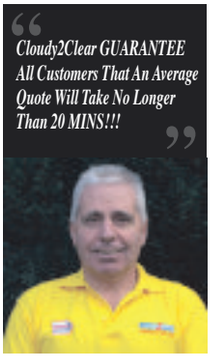

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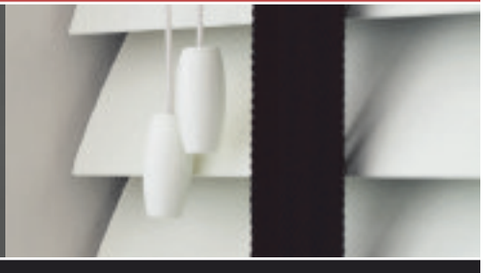

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Villagers' vow at meeting over £36m hub

The public meeting at Essington Community Centre where residents voiced their frustration about the scheme

MORE than 100 villagers have vowed to step up their fight against a freight company which wants to build a £36 million super-hub near their homes.

The campaigners have been boosted by the news that lawyers acting for South Staffordshire Council believe the proposed scheme would be inappropriate development on the green belt site. DX Freight wants to build a 44-acre transport depot off Hobnock Road, Essington. The firm says the land was previously used for industry as a brickworks, paving the way for the scheme.

However, after seeking legal advice, the council has dismissed the argument as the old brickworks took up only 11 acres, or a quarter of the plot DX wants to develop. The news was greeted with cheers at a heated public meeting at Essington Community Centre where residents voiced their frustration about the increase in traffic, lorry pollution and noise that the proposed depot would generate.

They were told that Staffordshire County Council, which has responsibility for highways, believes the village roads would be able to cope with the extra journeys, around 650 a night. Campaign leaders insist that the battle has to focus on planning issues.

DX wants to combine its two bases in the Black Country into one large headquarters in South Staffordshire. It warns that if the depot cannot be built in Essington, the firm will move out of the area, putting 550 jobs at risk.

It still plans to appeal against the council's refusal of the original plans, despite unveiling scaled-down proposals.

Planning for county day

PLANS for the 2017 Staffordshire Day have been unveiled.

A music festival and vintage market are among the programme of events lined up for the May celebration.

Leisure chiefs have confirmed a host of events for Monday, May 1 for the second ever county-wide celebration.

The popular day, which attracted thousands of visitors to attractions across the county last year, will include events, competitions and special offers. Enjoy Staffordshire, which has organised the day along with the county council, is looking to improve on last year's 40-plus events.

Last year, events included a light show at Lichfield's Guild Hall, a day at Rudyard Lake in the Moorlands and an open day at Gladstone Pottery Museum in Stoke.

Events already confirmed this year include a vintage market at the National Memorial Arboretum, a music festival in Newcastle-under-Lyme and the Norbury Canal Festival near Stafford, which will feature live music, a market and a beer festival.

On top of the events organised, Enjoy Staffordshire is hoping residents and communities will once again be hosting their own events to celebrate the county and its achievements. Last year, Spark Children's Centre in Burntwood hosted arts and craft workshops.

Residents are also being urged to check in on Enjoy Staffordshire's Facebook page where there will be competitions.

For more information on Staffordshire Day and how to get involved, visit www.enjoystaffordshire.com/Staffsday

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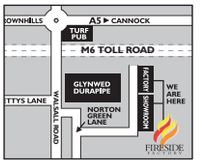

My success is for family says The Voice sensation

Jason Jones with his grandparents Kathleen and Raymond Jones, both aged 87, and his three-month-old son Jax

A SINGING sensation has thanked his family for their support – and says his success is for them.

RAC worker Jason Jones wowed millions of viewers with his performance on The Voice.

He has progressed to the next stage of the TV singing contest and hopes to continue making his family proud.

Jason was brought up by his grandparents Kathleen and Raymond in Burntwood between the ages of 12 and 23. Now 31 and living in Brownhills, Jason said: "They've always known I've been interested in music. They've just extremely proud of me and they can't really believe it. What I've achieved so far is something for them.

"When I auditioned I didn't audition to be famous. I wanted the platform to showcase what I can do.

"I'm doing it to be a success, not for the fame. It's nice for so many people to be behind me. I'm enjoying it."

His version of Pillow Talk by Zayn sparked rave reviews from judges Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson, Will.I.Am and Gavin Rossdale. He will be back on TV next month when the show reaches its 'battle' stage.

Jason wowed judges on the TV show

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Ofsted team want 'rapid improvement' at college

SOUTH Staffordshire College has been told to 'rapidly improve' the quality of its teaching in certain areas.

The college, which has five campuses including its main base in Penkridge, has also been told it is not using work placements effectively.

The findings come after 10 Ofsted inspectors visited the college and gave it a 'requires improvement' rating.

The college's leadership, quality of teaching, personal development, 16-to-19 study programmes, apprenticeships and outcomes were all criticised by the education watchdog. A report, prepared after Ofsted's visit in November, said: "There is too much variation between curriculum areas in how well learners aged 16 to 18 achieve their qualifications.

South Staffordshire College in Penkridge has been rated as 'requires improvement'

Opportunity

"Too few learners develop their skills in mathematics or English to achieve high grades when they retake a GCSE, pass their functional skills or make further progress at work.

"Too few learners aged 16 to 18 have the opportunity to develop their skills through relevant, well-planned work experience linked to their study programme. Teachers and managers do not use targets well enough with learners to ensure that they make rapid progress, understand what they have achieved and know how to improve their performance.

"Quality improvement actions have not ensured that teaching, learning and assessment are good across all subjects, curriculum areas and campuses. Assessors do not take sufficient account of apprentices' existing skills or prior learning in planning their training and assessment to ensure rapid progress." However, inspectors did praise the college for its 'carefully planned support' for pupils with 'high needs benefit' and noted 'most learners develop new skills well and produce practical work of a high standard'.

The report added: "Adult learners benefit from good teaching and a flexible, accessible range of provision that successfully meets their diverse needs and improves their life chances."

The college was rated good for its adult learning programmes and provision for learners with high needs.

Alleah Facey, a spokeswoman for the college, said: "We are pleased to see that Ofsted recognised the success of South Staffordshire College in ensuring that all adult learners benefit from good teaching and learning to meet their needs.

"It was also recognised that the college has a distinctive strength in supporting learners with high needs."

Rob Boucherat, deputy principal at South Staffordshire College, said: "We welcome the feedback in the Ofsted Inspection report and we are pleased that many of our key strengths have been recognised.

"Whilst there is clearly more work for us to do, we are pleased that the team felt that they could see signs of improvement this year. Our focus now is to build on these new strategies that we have put in place to show more impact and improve the consistency of our provision in all areas."

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Collection for hospital raises £120

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FOR the first meeting of the year, the attendance was reduced as members were suffering from the various ailments going around.

President Gwyneth Howells was one of those suffering so vice-president Margaret Allen chaired the meeting. There were celebrations for Barbara Jarvis who had her 80th birthday and Wendy Dunn celebrating her golden wedding; they provided the cakes and wine.

Minutes arising from the Christmas meeting were read and accepted, Judith informed members that the group had raised £120 from the party collection for the Birmingham Children's Hospital. A letter of thanks was received from them and they want to come and talk to the group in the near future.

The WI choir had given two concerts in December at Hammerwich Hall and St Giles Hospice both had been well received.

County news was reported and there was an update of all forthcoming events and trips.

Speaker for the evening was Caz Bailey with her second visit. Her talk on Handcuffs to Hot Glass told of her life since she had left the police force. She was very interesting and entertaining, many anecdotes and jokes made her story very amusing. There were many laughs and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her talk.

Jacquie Wright won the competition. After the raffle Ron closed the meeting with her thought for the month.

Cheque handed over during volunteer visit

Treasurer Trish Mellor, deputy clinical lead Jane Mogford, Jane Hunter, nursing team, chairman Janette Arrowsmith and secretary Lynda William present the cheque

Cannock Friends of St Giles

CANNOCK Friends of St Giles were thrilled to be able to present a cheque for £3,000 to the hospice over the Christmas period. Chairman Janette Arrowsmith, secretary Lyn Williams and treasurer Trish Mellor presented the cheque to Lynn Hunter, a member of the nursing team and Jane Mogford, deputy clinical lead, when they visited the hospice for one of their volunteering visits.

Jane and Lynn were extremely grateful to Cannock Friends for such a large donation; although the Cannock group is small they continue to be very active in promoting and supporting St Giles – work they have done since the hospice first opened more than 30 years ago. Of the money raised, £1,000 came from the Rotary Club's golf day; the remainder was made up of other donations to the Friends' Group along with monies raised by the committee at several events.

It is estimated that at least one third of the people living in its catchment area will have been touched by St Giles in one way or another, so the money raised by the community is being used to support other community members at a time in their lives when they are particularly vulnerable and in need of care.

Substantial help for patients

Rugeley Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support

DURING 2016 the Rugeley Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support raised more than £6,300 for the charity, which assists patients with cancer.

The Rugeley Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support was formed in 1973 when the charity was known as Cancer Relief, itself founded by Douglas Macmillan in 1911 to help any family or patient suffering from cancer. During those years, the committee has raised substantial amounts each year.

In 2016, it was able, with a little help from friends and led by Barry Hackett, to raise more than a £1,000 carol singing in Costa Coffee in both Rugeley and Hednesford. The next committee meeting will be held in Mansfield House on Thursday, February 2 at 7.30pm.

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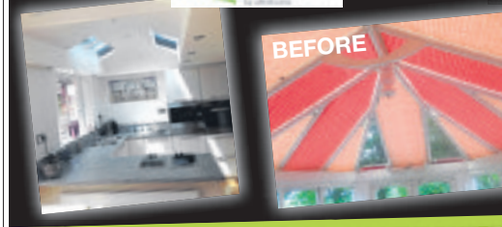

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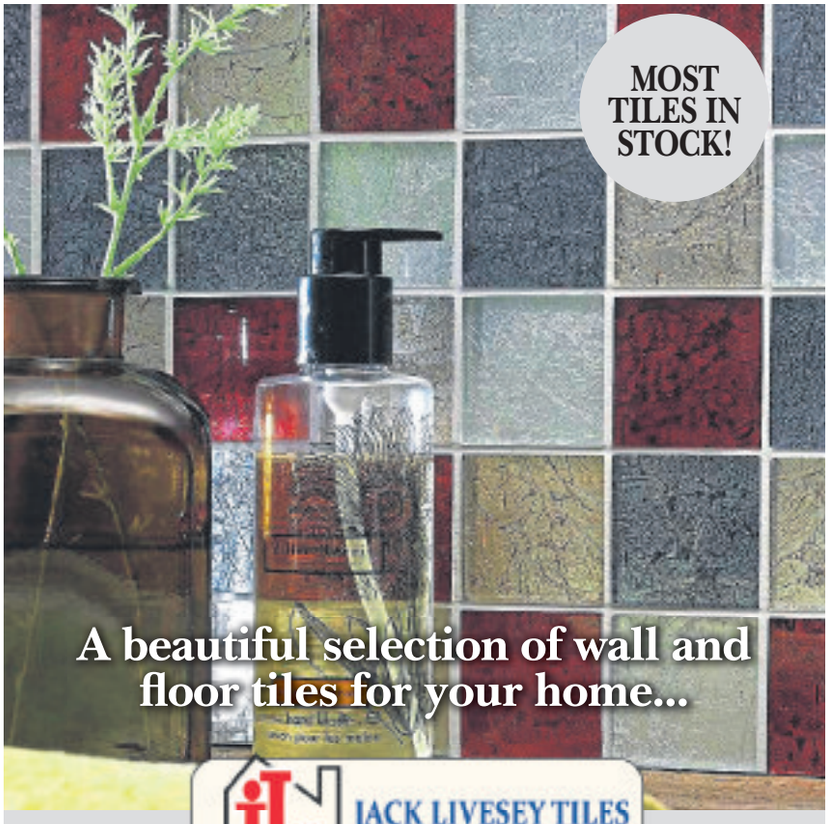

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Link-up will help to give rail station a new image

Members of the 15-strong adoption team aim to green-up all areas of Hednesford railway station

MEMBERS of the Heart of Hednesford development group have formally adopted the town's railway station.

The aim is to enhance its appearance as part of the group's regeneration of the town. This latest project is seen as an important addition to London Midland's Adopt a Station scheme.

The 15-strong station adoption team aim to green-up all areas of the station, which is used by more than 200,000 passengers a year.

As well as creating flower displays onto the station platforms, the team has also been granted a licence by Network Rail to work on areas including the embankment bordering the access path to the Birmingham-bound platform and the areas behind both station platforms. The group is also part of Hednesford in Partnership which is actively working with key organisations in Hednesford to bring further improvements to the town.

One of its current projects also involves the station, having secured £10,000 funding from Staffordshire County Council's Community Arts Fund. Students from Staffs University Academy and members of the community will be developing a brief and sourcing a local artist to create a permanent art feature on the bridge to further enhance the station gateway.

Heart of Hednesford was set up in 2013 by current chair David Wisehall, and its focus has always been to restore and maintain the historic character of the town. This is the first major project that the group has undertaken. Mr Wisehall said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for our group to raise awareness of how important the station is to our community.

"We're delighted with the interest we've had so far from local residents who want to get involved.

"And following on from MP Amanda Milling's campaign to improve the service on the Chase Line, it seemed right that we should approach her to become our patron."

Robert Hornsey, head of London Midland's Chase Line and Cross City services, said: "I am very impressed with the tenacity and vision of Heart of Hednesford." The station adoption team will be presented with a Working with Communities plaque to mark the partnership with London Midland.

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TV Mike in talk on wild side

Television presenter Mike Dilger will talk about some of his favourite filming experiences from around the world

A WILDLIFE presenter will be recalling tales from his career when he gives a talk at a theme park.

Staffordshire-born naturalist Mike Dilger is best known for his appearances on BBC’s The One Show. He will be hosting ‘An Audience with Mike Dilger’ at the Alton Towers Resort on April 28.

Mr Dilger, who is vice-president of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, will provide an interactive and illustrated talk on the trials and tribulations of being a wildlife presenter.

He has a life-long passion for natural history and has risen quickly in the world of presenting.

He has also been a presenter on the BBC’s Autumnwatch, Springwatch and Nature’s Calendar, and is part of the Inside Out presenting team. Mr Dilger said: “Being Stafford born and bred, it is an honour to be representing the trust for this special event.

“During the evening, I’ll talk about some of my favourite filming experiences from around the world and answer questions.

“Most importantly, money raised from the event goes towards the fantastic work Staffordshire Wildlife Trust carry out.”

For tickets and information, visit www.staffs-wild life.org.uk/mikedilger or call 01889 880100.

CONFUSED motorists who break rules on smart motorways could be offered re-education courses by police.

Smart motorways operate variable speed limits and can open the hard shoulder to traffic to reduce congestion.

They are becoming increasingly popular as a way of tackling congestion, running on the M6 past its junction with the M54 near Walsall and Wolverhampton and also on stretches of the M5 in the Midlands.

But senior police officers are concerned that the new road rules are confusing motorists and that more awareness is needed.

Figures suggest an 18 per cent rise in the number of people caught using the hard shoulder illegally between 2014-15 and 2015-16. In the last financial year, there were 1,014 tickets issued by the 38 forces that responded to a Freedom of Information request, compared with 859 for the previous year.

Looking

Among the excuses given were drivers who claimed they were half on the hard shoulder and half in the first lane because it was the fastest route between two places.

Another said they were driving on the hard shoulder because they were looking for signage to their destination.

Concerns have been raised about the safety of using hard shoulders on motorways. Anthony Marston, a 54-year-old motorist from Telford, died on the M6 close to its junction with the M54 in August.

The father-of-two had stopped on the hard shoulder to check a trailer when he was struck by a lorry in an accident that is still under investigation.

The National Police Chiefs’ Council wants to create more awareness of the road rules and improve compliance with them.

The details are still to be confirmed, but ideas being discussed include courses for people who break the variable speed limit, use lanes closed with a red X or use the hard shoulder when it has been closed.

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Pony joins cast for pantomime fun

Sam Betteridge, left, as Cinderella and Vicky Evans as Prince Charming

CINDERELLA, Prince Charming and the Fairy Godmother will take to the stage as the curtain goes up on a Cannock pantomime.

While they are all characters the audience can expect in Cinderella, the audience will also see a real miniature Shetland pony on stage.

While other productions use the 'two people under a horse costume' device, Cannock Chase Drama Society has enrolled the animal, called Goliath, to pull the carriage at the show from January 26 to 29 at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock.

Director and the Fairy Godmother Julie Hunter said: "The miniature Shetland pony is a special guest appearance for this year – he will be making the transformation scene at the end of the play very magical." For tickets call 07968 757820.

New air ambulance on way

A NEW air ambulance will be taking to the skies following a £1 million grant.

Midlands Air Ambulance, based at RAF Cosford, will order the new craft after it was announced in the Autumn Statement that the charity would be given the money by the Government from the banking fine. Hanna Sebright, chief executive for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "The injection of funds via the banking fine comes as very welcome news at the charity as it will help further enhance our vitally important emergency service.

"The allocation has enabled us to place an order for an upgraded H145 helicopter, which will cost in total approximately £7 million." The charity currently owns one EC135 helicopter, based at RAF Cosford and leases two further EC135 models from Babcock Mission Critical Services, based at Tatenhill airfield in Staffordshire and Strensham Services on the M5 in Worcestershire.

The charity has made the decision to purchase a larger helicopter and lease only one in future to enable it to develop its clinical and operational service in pre-hospital patient care.

It is hoped that this will reduce operating costs.

Ms Sebright added: "The new helicopter will be built over the next 18 months and will become operational in 2018. It is positive news for us at the charity and the communities we serve as it will ultimately benefit our patients for generations to come."

NHS leaders' pledge over shake-up in care services

HEALTH leaders in Staffordshire have been speaking out to reassure patients that proposals to change urgent and emergency care services are designed to improve care.

They say the changes will provide patients with convenient and appropriate alternatives to waiting in A&E if they have an urgent but minor ailment.

Details of the five-year plan were released last month.

Dr Bill Gowans, medical director for the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), said: "The STP allows us to look at how we can improve healthcare across the county – including A&E and minor injuries units. Some of that means thinking differently about the role our hospitals play in people's local health needs, and we appreciate the strength of local feeling on this subject.

"We all know that A&Es are busy and that patients requiring urgent medical help can sometimes experience long waiting times, especially in winter.

"We need to talk about adapting our services to increase the benefits to patients of different types of care," Dr Gowans added.

"Many people have health care needs which need to be met urgently but which are not emergencies.

"Patients do not want to spend hours in an A&E if their condition is not an emergency but they still can't wait for treatment.

"This is why we regularly review our services to ensure that we meet the needs of our changing population and take advantage of the latest technologies and innovations, as well as talking about potential changes with local people. But there is further work to be done," Dr Gowans said.

"No major decisions have been made, and they will only be made via a consultation process, following more conversations and engagement with the public."

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Cost of tackling farm fire put at £110,000

A FIRE which burned for months and shrouded much of the district in smoke cost more than £110,000 to tackle.

The waste fire at Oak Tree Farm in Slitting Mill Road, Rugeley, started on September 5.

Smoke and toxins reached as far as Hednesford, and residents were advised to keep their windows and doors closed.

Staffordshire firefighters spent more than 340 hours there, and costs for attending spiralled to at least £103,221. The service also hired a digger from JCB for 21 days to move rubbish, in an effort to stop the fire, at a cost of £10,500. The fire took hold of up to 1,000 tons of waste.

Investigators concluded the fire was 'most likely' deliberate.

It was not caused by self-heating or accidentally started, they said. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service called in help from senior West Midlands Fire Service officers in their effort to contain the blaze.

Discovered

Initially they found most of the burning material was wood but that it had been piled on top of domestic waste including plastics, fabric and soil.

Asbestos was then discovered 15 days after it had started. Further digging uncovered propane gas cylinders. In November, Staffordshire County Council served a High Court injunction on the operators Dennis Ward and Steven Reeves-Morgan.

A Freedom of Information request revealed that Staffordshire fire crews spent a total of 348 hours and 17 minutes at the site. Rugeley firefighters spent 142 hours and 19 minutes there, while others from Cannock were on site for a total of 99 hours and 57 minutes.

Although Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said they would not give a figure for the total cost of dealing with the fire, it said one hour spent at a blaze costs £296.40.

Sales to see Shires boom

A gentle giant of the horse world *Picture: Tracy Muir Photography*

TICKET sales for the world's largest gathering of Shire horses are booming as the event returns to Stafford for a second year.

A record number of advance tickets for the show at Staffordshire County Showground from March 17 to 19 have so far been sold.

Around 300 pedigree Shire horses from across Europe are expected to take part and will be put through their paces in hand, harness and ridden classes.

Victoria Clayton, secretary of the Shire Horse Society, said: "Shire horses have played a huge role in the history of this country, and our show, which is the world's largest gathering of Shires, is the perfect opportunity to see them in action.

"Last month we sold more than twice as many advance tickets to our annual show as we did during the same month the previous year.

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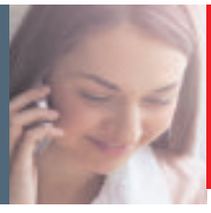

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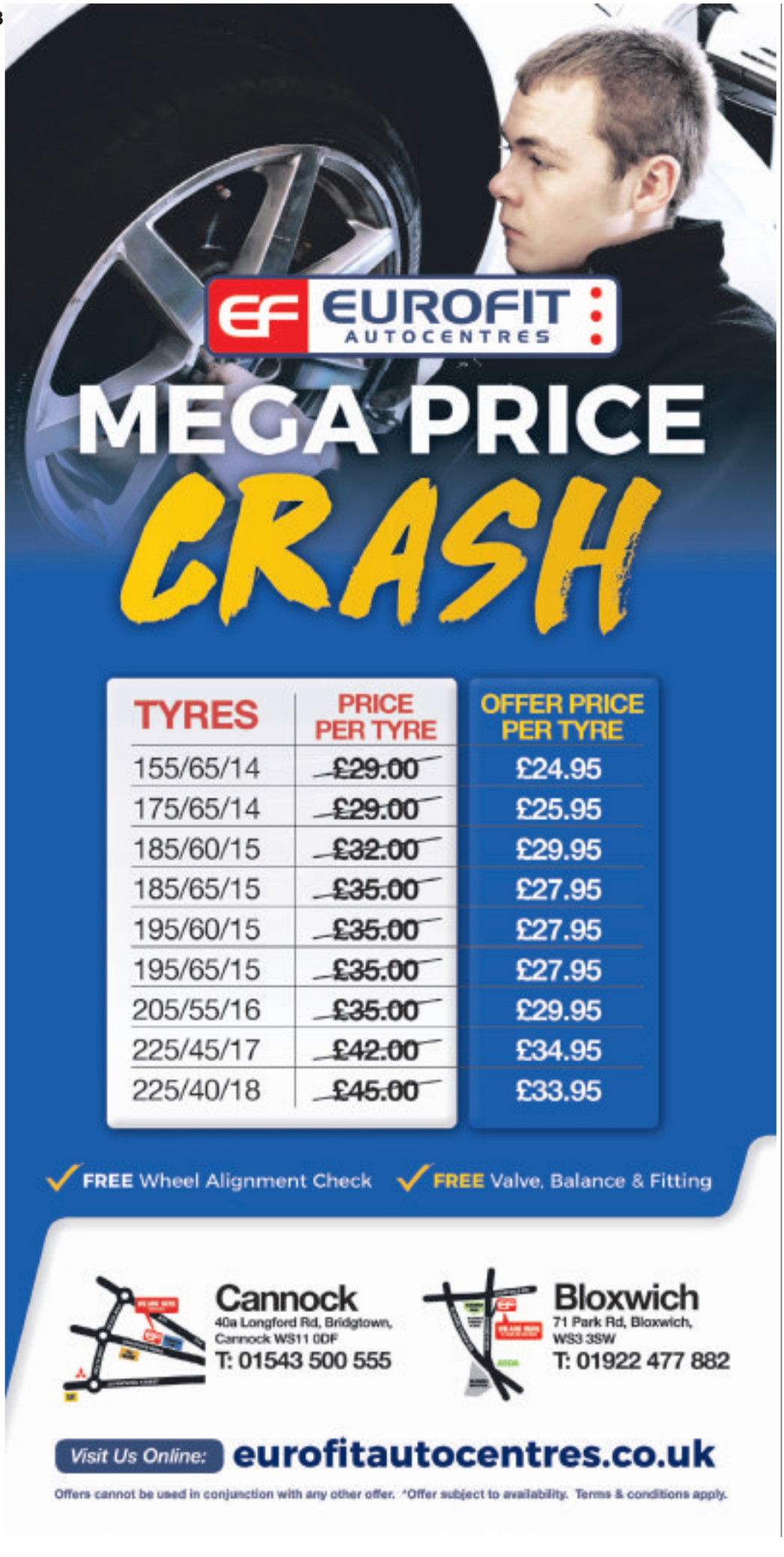

Vulnerable hit by council cuts

VULNERABLE people who need special equipment in their homes will see funding for repairs stopped.

Staffordshire County Council has said it will no longer fund maintenance, repair or removal of fixed equipment. It will come into place from April 1 this year, and means the disabled and elderly will have to pay for insurance and breakdown cover themselves.

Councillor Alan White, cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "Due to a £15 million shortfall in our budget, we have to prioritise care to the people who need it the most. We will continue to provide assistive technology, fixed equipment, adaptations and community equipment to people who have an assessed eligible need for adult social care.

"We are moving towards enabling these individuals to purchase products themselves using a direct payment, and are supporting providers to develop their retail market so that people who are not eligible can also purchase equipment directly."

Region will get £7.5m to help tackle potholes

STAFFORDSHIRE and the West Midlands are to be given more than £7.5 million to tackle potholes. The Government has revealed the amount of money each region in Britain will be receiving in the next financial year to fill in potholes as well as stop them forming.

The West Midlands will receive £7.67 million, including £1.22m for the West Midlands Combined Authority and £1.58m for Staffordshire. The Government says the funding for the West Midlands, which also includes areas such as Hereford, Shropshire and Stoke, will lead to 144,000 potholes being fixed in 2017-18.

In announcing the funding, Transport Minister Andrew Jones said: "Roads play a significant part in everyday life linking people with jobs and businesses with customers, which is why this government is investing record amounts improving and maintaining highways across the country to help motorists."

The new funds have been backed by South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson.

He said: "The state of our roads is consistently raised with me by local residents and remains a great source of frustration for drivers.

Improve

"This funding is welcome news for families and businesses in Staffordshire who rely on our roads to get around. It builds on the £1,069,000 we got last year."

The funding allocated specifically for potholes is part of more than £115m the West Midlands is receiving to improve roads, cut congestion and shorten journey times.

Staffordshire, including Cannock Chase, is to receive £23.14m in central government funding for its roads.

This includes £17.85m from the highways maintenance block needs formula and £3.71m from the national productivity investment fund, on top of the £1.58m for potholes.

Fizzogs fancy a bite of the Big Apple

The new show Suck It And See is touring around the Midlands

START spreading the news – the Dancing Grannies have decided to have a rest from the Edinburgh Fringe this year and pop over to the Big Apple.

The Grannies, also known as Black Country comedy act The Fizzogs, will be strutting their stuff on the streets of New York city. The move follows requests from US fans who are among more than 300 million people to have viewed the Grannies' dance routines on social media. Now The Fizzogs are looking for sponsorship to fund the trip.

They have already been booked to perform at the Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix in April. The opportunity arose after the performers caught the eye of a talent scout from the Middle East at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Closer to home their new show Suck It And See is touring around the Midlands with performances in Kidderminster on February 4, Bridgnorth on February 9, 10 and 11, Stafford on February 18, Solihull on March 4, Telford on March 10, Bromsgrove on March 11 and Worcester on March 24.

£6,000 for pets

PETS at Home in Cannock raised £6,035 following a Christmas appeal. Throughout December, the store's team collected donations to help provide meals for abandoned pets as part of the Santa Paws initiative run by Support Adoption For Pets.

VW car hits traffic light

A MOTORIST was lucky to avoid injury after hitting a traffic light in Penkridge.

The incident happened on Stone Cross outside the White Hart pub just before 4am on Sunday when a black VW Golf hit the light at a pedestrian crossing.

"Staffordshire Police received a call at 03.59am on Sunday 15/01/2017 incident number 126," the force said in a statement.

"A black VW had hit a traffic light at a pedestrian crossing on A449 at Penkridge. No-one was hurt."

Shoppers dig deep for RAFA collections

WELFARE work of the RAF Association has been boosted by a record £12,505 donated to the local Wings Appeal by the public in Cannock during 2016.

"Cannock people have out-given some of the more heavily populated areas of the West Midlands," said Lawrence McGowan, volunteer wings organiser of the Cannock Chase (573) Branch RAFA. "This result provides vital security for the work the branch volunteer welfare officer undertakes among serving and former members of the RAF, their dependants, widows and widowers.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the individual generosity of the public and, in particular, shoppers at local Tesco and Morrisons stores whose donations contributed almost two-thirds of the total. There was also significant help from local pubs and clubs." Mr McGowan said the financial boost comes at a time when local welfare work had been threatened by falling branch membership.

Advice on safer driving

NEWLY qualified and learner drivers are being invited to a workshop to improve road safety. The free event, hosted by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership, will highlight the importance of safer driving. It will be held at Staffordshire Police's headquarters in Beaconside, Stafford, on January 26, from 6 to 8.30pm. Winter driving, tyre safety, vehicle modifications, driving on rural roads and using mobile phones will be among the topics discussed. For further information or to reserve a place, email roadsafety@staffordshire.gov.uk or visit www.newdrivers.info

'Invest now' plea over expansion of stations

THE MP for Cannock Chase has demanded that the Government stump up cash to expand railway stations in the district.

Amanda Milling made the call as part of her campaign to end 'horrific' overcrowding on Chase Line trains. She met with Transport Secretary Chris Grayling to discuss funding for stations on the route.

By Carl Jackson

While the overcrowding problems are set to be alleviated in the long term by the £100million electrification of the line, Ms Milling is concerned that customers will not see the benefits of the scheme until as late as Christmas 2018 due to the unavailability of the trains needed.

Extending platforms along the route will mean that stations can accommodate trains with more carriages, which is seen as a quicker solution to the current passenger congestion woes, according to the Conservative MP.

Delayed

It comes after Network Rail announced they would not be looking to fund any project until 2020 at the earliest.

Ms Milling said: "The last few months have been horrific for Chase Line passengers. I still get reports on a daily basis of delayed and cancelled trains.

"The electrification of the line will mean a better, faster and more frequent service but we need electric trains running on the line as soon as the works are completed, line tested and drivers trained.

"I expressed my concerns to the Transport Secretary that there could be delays in running electric trains on the line and called on him to review the availability of electric trains. One of the issues is that the platforms can accommodate only a certain three-carriage model of electric train, which means there is a limited pool of stock around the country.

"That aside, it has been well known for years when the engineering works will be complete so it is unacceptable that rolling stock was not sourced in preparation for the running of an electrified service."

She added: "With passenger numbers increasing every year we need to build as much capacity as possible to cope with increasing demand.

"Not only do we need a more frequent service but we also need to run longer trains to further increase capacity.

"To do this we need longer platforms at our stations. I have therefore urged the Secretary of State to look at how the Government can support investment in Chase Line stations."

The scheme is due to be completed by December with the first electric trains expected to go live in May 2018 after an extensive period for testing, although last month Network Rail confirmed that the timeline for the project was 'at risk' due to the problems it had encountered overcoming mine shafts along the route.

'Simple travel' vow with new ticket machines

NEW self-service ticket machines have been unveiled at railway stations throughout the Midlands.

The 28 machines feature contactless technology to speed up the process of buying a ticket and also offer options to reach any destination in the UK.

They can also be used to collect tickets ordered online via London Midland's click-and-collect system as soon as 15 minutes after ordering.

The machines, which are part of a £15 million ongoing programme of investment in technology, have been set up at Bilbrook and Codsall stations, in South Staffordshire; Albrighton, Cosford, Shifnal and Oakengates, in Shropshire, and at Shenstone and Stone, in Staffordshire.

They have also been fitted at Dudley Port and Birmingham's Adderley Park, Duddeston, Gravelly Hill, Perry Barr, Small Heath, Stechford, Tyseley, and Witton stations.

Bedworth, Berkswell, Blakedown, Colwall and Hartlebury, in Warwickshire, have also had new ticket machines installed.

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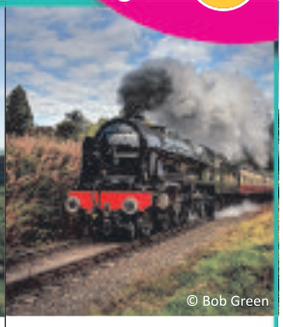
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Nursery boss speaks out after inspection

BOSSES at a day nursery say they will not 'unnecessarily push children' after a report by an education watchdog said it required improvement.

Puddleducks Day Nursery in Hednesford was inspected by Ofsted, which has published a report stating the nursery must improve.

The report looked at the effectiveness of the leadership, quality of teaching and assessment, personal development and children's outcomes.

It said improvement was required in all four areas.

The nursery, in Anglesey Street, had been rated 'good' overall at its previous inspection three years ago.

In the latest report, inspectors, who visited last month, said teaching was not consistently strong.

It also found gaps in young children's speech development was not 'closing quickly enough', adding that they were not always well prepared for the next stage in learning.

Different

In response, owner Olivia Hatton said: "The report actually states that some children are not making consistently good progress – this relates to one child. At Puddleducks we treat each child as an individual and in doing so we know that not every child will reach the same milestones at the same time as their peers.

"All children develop at different stages, and pushing them before they are ready can also be detrimental. At Puddleducks we're not prepared to unnecessarily push children before they are ready, regardless of Ofsted's opinions on this. We refuse to be pressured into forcing children's early development into a one-size-fits-all regime.

"We see this grading as a renewed challenge for Puddleducks to continue with our ongoing development and look forward to regaining our 'good' rating in the next six months."

Bosses at Puddleducks have had their say after Ofsted said it must improve

Hotel show at CBeebies Land

ALTON Towers has announced its CBeebies Land will open for 2017 with an extended line-up of rides, attractions and live entertainment.

The Furchester Hotel Live Show and Go Jetters Vroomster Zoom ride will open on March 25 for the new theme park season and join the existing line-up of 12 other attractions.

Visitors can join Phoebe, Funella, Furgus, Elmo and Cookie Monster at The Furchester Hotel. Guests will make their way through the revolving doors before being welcomed with furry arms into the hotel. The show sees the hotel prepare for the exciting arrival of Chick Swagger, and guests can sing and dance along to the rock-a-doodle-do hit, Tail Feather Shake.

CBeebies Land is a dedicated area where children can learn play and meet some of their favourite CBeebies friends to inspire their imagination.

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Search begins for Young Poet Laureate

YOUNG people are being invited to put pen to paper in a poetry competition.

The competition is being organised by Staffordshire County Council's Library Service and the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Young Poet Laureate, 16-year-old Isobel Horsley.

Teenagers need to write their own original poem and take a photograph to go with it for the chance to win a Polaroid Snap instant print camera.

The competition is open to young people aged 13 to 18 and closes on February 11.

The Young Poet Laureate scheme and competition hopes to promote a love of poetry and showcase the creative writing skills of children across the area.

People can find out more about Staffordshire's Library Service and the Young Poet Laureate by visiting www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Youngsters should email their poems and photos to Maya.whatton@staffordshire.gov.uk

Record numbers seeking help as debt crisis mounts

A RECORD number of people are seeking help for financial problems – with average debts of £15,932 in the Staffordshire and Walsall areas.

The WS postcode area, which includes Lichfield, Burntwood, Cannock, Rugeley and Walsall, had the biggest average debt levels at £15,932 for each individual.

A total of 614 people in the area contacted the StepChange charity during the first half of 2016. This was up from from 590 during the same period the previous year, and the total level of debt rose from £9.4 million to £9.8m.

Meanwhile, the ST postal district, including Stafford, saw 828 seek help with debts totalling £12.6m – an average of £15,205 per individual.

Nearly 1,800 people across Dudley, Wolverhampton and Walsall contacted the charity in six months seeking help with liabilities totalling nearly £25m.

A total of 1,778 people in the DY, WV and WS postcode areas contacted the charity during the first half of 2016 – equivalent to 10 calls every day.

Improvement

A total of 645 people from the WV postcode area contacted the charity during the first six months of last year, with an average debt of £12,415.

Total debt in the area that the charity helped with was just over £8m, up from £7.3m compared with the previous year.

The Dudley postal area, which includes Tipton, Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley, accounted for 519 of the charity's calls, and the average amount owed was £13,459. These figures were a marked improvement compared with the previous year, with total debt falling from nearly £9.2m to just under £7m. In the Birmingham postcode area, 2,919 people contacted the charity about debts totalling £39.6m – an average of £13,565 for each person.

Low interest rates are encouraging more people to take out loans or buy on credit. But there are fears people are borrowing beyond their means and a rate rise could see a rush of repossessions.

Robert White of StepChange said the first half of 2016 had been its busiest on record, adding: "Consumer credit is now at its highest since the financial crisis.

"It is vital creditors are lending responsibly and before taking credit, people need to think carefully about whether they need it and whether they can afford it."

Potter's hat is a top lot

Charles Hanson tries on the hat which belonged to William Moorcroft

A HAT belonging to a historic figurehead of the Potteries is expected to ignite worldwide interest at auction.

The headwear, which belonged to legendary potter William Moorcroft of Stoke-on-Trent, was discovered during a house clearance.

Commenting on the find, Charles Hanson, manager of Hansons Auctioneers and as seen on BBC1 Bargain Hunt, said: "It is a top hat which was worn by William Moorcroft in the 1920s and 1930s and has come to auction by family descent.

"The black silk top hat belonged to a gentleman who made Stoke-on-Trent great, based on the richness of pottery production seen at the Moorcroft pottery.

"We found the top hat in a chest of drawers and it has been beautifully preserved in its fitted case."

Born in Burslem in 1872, William Moorcroft used techniques and glazes which were closely guarded secrets. He died in 1945.

The top hat will be sold in Hansons' February Decorative Arts Auction on February 21 with a guide price of £100-200.

Mr Hanson added: "I suspect it may fly away with interest in America and worldwide."

Woolly appeal aiming to help end fuel poverty

A CHARITY is urging people to take and share photographs of themselves wearing woolly clothing to help raise awareness of fuel poverty.

The charity Turn2us is asking people in West Midlands to support its No Cold Homes fuel poverty campaign.

The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness of the help that is available for those struggling to heat their homes.

As part of the campaign, people are being asked to share images of themselves in woolly clothes on social media with the hashtag #ShowUsYourWoolly alongside the campaign hashtag #NoColdHomes

The appeal comes as studies show that despite 355,090 households in the West Midlands receiving the Winter Fuel Payment to help with the energy costs last winter, the charity says that many will cut back on heating their home because they are struggling financially.

There is a range of information about the help that is available for those struggling with energy costs at www.turn2us.org.uk/About-Us/Our-campaigns/No-Cold-Homes

Trekkers wanted for Three Peaks charity challenge

MENINGITIS Now is looking for outdoor enthusiasts to join it for its Three Peaks Challenge in June, raising funds to fight back against the killer disease.

The challenge, designed to push walkers to their limits and give them a real sense of achievement, takes place between June 9 and 11, climbing Snowdon, Scafell Pike and finally Ben Nevis.

Until the end of January, Meningitis Now has guaranteed places for £49 plus a commitment to raise a minimum of £500 in sponsorship towards its lifesaving and life-changing work.

In return trekkers get transport, accommodation, food and the support of a qualified safety team to take them on the memorable challenge.

There's also an opportunity to attend a training day in the Brecon Beacons on April 30 to test fitness levels and equipment.

Rachel Oakley, event officer at Meningitis Now, said: "This demanding but breath-taking adventure will provide picture-perfect moments and memories to last a lifetime."

For details or to sign up visit www.meningitisnow.org or call the events team on 03451 204530.

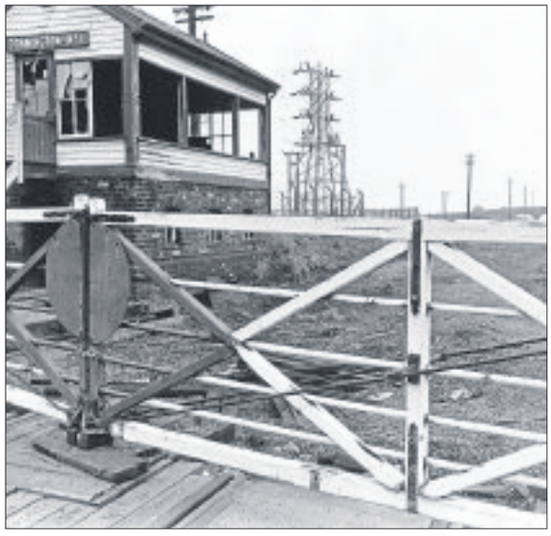
Petition gathers pace in bid to reopen rail route

A PETITION has been launched calling for the re-opening of a railway line in Staffordshire.

Almost 170 people have signed the petition, calling for a new Shrewsbury to Walsall service, calling at Wellington, Newport, Stafford and Rugeley.

Oliver Ashton, who launched the petition, said it was sparked after it took him an hour and a half to get to a job interview in Cannock. He says the journey would take just 43 minutes, if the former line was reinstated.

The Stafford to Shrewsbury line ran between the two county towns via Newport and Wellington from 1849 to 1966. Passenger services on the Stafford to Wellington section ended in September 1964 and freight services ceased two years later between Stafford and Newport, this branch from Wellington being cut back to Donnington in November 1969.



End of the line – the derelict Donnington No 1 signal box on May 26, 1970

Difficulties

The last remaining stretch of track, from Wellington to Donnington, was lifted in 1991.

Councillor Chris Baron, who represents the Forebridge ward – where Stafford railway station is situated – would welcome the reopening of the Stafford-Shrewsbury route. "I don't use the train much but it has always been difficult to get to Shrewsbury, as far as I'm concerned," she said.

The plans were last looked at in 2011, when the Shropshire, Telford & The Marches Strategic Rail Group put together £230 million plans to reopen the Telford to Stafford line.

Its chairman Eric Carter, who is a Telford & Wrekin Councillor, said the plans were something he had long had an ambition for.

Currently, the former line is a cycle path and walking route but Councillor Carter said there is still a chance it could be developed in the future, with a Newport station close to the Audley Avenue business park. He admitted that housing developments on the route of the former line might add to the difficulties of reopening the service.

He said: "I'm not saying we can't do it, I'm saying it would be difficult but everything in life is difficult, and we should have ambition.

"When I was cabinet member for transport between 2007 to 2011 we reinstated the Telford international freight terminal and I thought that would give us an opportunity to link with the Wellington to Shrewsbury line. But over the past 20 years, there has been development and there are particular problems between the Donnington Depot and Newport where houses have been built."

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Gym stretches to five awards at ceremony

From left, Assistant Manager Linda Phillps, instructor Cheryl Hooper, owner Joanna Rigby, instructors Julie Spence-Martin, Carrieann Hathaway and Debbie Wood, therapist Shirley Bradbury and instructor Kerry Scott

A RUGELEY gym is celebrating after picked up a host of prizes at a national awards ceremony.

Gymophobics Rugeley was up against branches of the fitness chain from all over the country.

But despite the tough competition, it came away with awards for best performing gym of the year; team of the year; regional gym of the year (Midlands); and national gym of the year. In addition, owner Joanna Rigby received a Special Recognition Award for over 10 years' service to the brand.

"To say we are overwhelmed and thrilled is an understatement, and really all of these awards are only possible because of the amazing support and loyalty that we receive from our Rugeley members," Joanna said.

"I could not be more proud of my team and the special and amazing atmosphere that has been created at the Rugeley centre."

Gymophobics Rugeley was opened in September 2011 under Joanna's leadership after she had previously opened sites in Ipswich and Colchester.

The Gymophobics National Awards and Conference took place at Festival Park, Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday.

For information about Gymophobics call Joanna on 01889 570708.

Daughter 'so sad' after Wright statue damaged

THE iconic Billy Wright statue outside Molineux has been badly damaged after a car crashed into it.

The plinth on which the statue of the Wolves and England legend stands was ripped apart in the early-hours drama.

A man was arrested on suspicion of drink driving and dangerous driving.

Three slate slabs were torn off the structure, including the panel that carries the hero's name, which was smashed in two.

Vicky Wright, daughter of the late player, said she was 'so sad' to hear about the statue.

She tweeted: "Man arrested after the statue was left badly damaged. This has made me so sad."

The damage to the sculpture became visible as dawn broke on Sunday. Police cordoned off the area with tape.

A West Midlands Police spokesman said: "Officers have arrested a man following a collision with a statue outside Molineux on Waterloo Road, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

"A 30-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of drink driving and dangerous driving." A Wolves spokesman said: "The club has been in contact with West Midlands Police over the damage done to the base of the statue following a traffic incident in the early hours of Sunday morning. The club's staff will be assessing the damage done to the statue with a view to carrying out restoration work as soon as possible."

The damaged statue outside Molineux

The 9ft bronze statue was unveiled in 1996 by Billy's widow Joy, who called it 'a wonderful work of art.'

It is considered to be one of the finest football statues in the country.

The sculpture depicts the former Wolves and England captain leading out his team. He died in 1994, aged 70.

The campaign to raise a permanent memorial to the player, who earned 105 caps for his country, was headed by Wolverhampton councillor Fred Ledsam.

The £50,000 funding for the statue was raised by public subscription.

A plaque at the back of the tribute thanks 'the generosity of the people of Wolverhampton' and 'football fans everywhere'.

The statue is placed within a circle of slate that matches the pedestal. Around it are placed a series of small slate-clad pillars mounted with bronze cubes.

The back of the statue which bears a panel relating the player's full name, William Ambrose Wright, and a biography of his playing career and honours, is seemingly undamaged.

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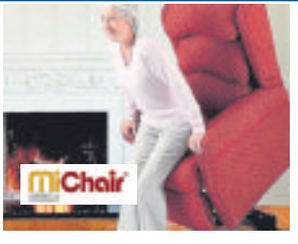

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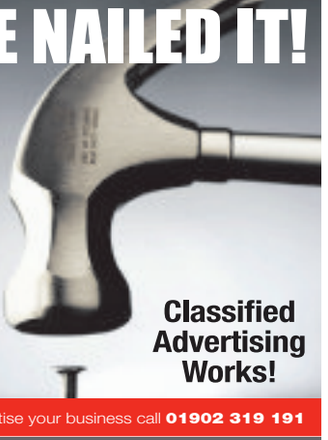

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Young try their hand at government jobs

Jake meets Staffordshire MP Karen Bradley as part of the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge

THREE Staffordshire care leavers took over the reins in government departments as part of a national challenge.

The Department for Education, Department for International Development and Department for Culture Media and Sport opened their doors to the individuals from the county to give them a taste of how the Government and business work. The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge asks businesses and organisations to put teenagers in charge of key roles for a day.

The intention is to hear their ideas and give them a chance to make a difference, aiming to raise their aspirations and help them develop their employability skills.

Jake, aged 20, living in Cannock, spent the day with Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Karen Bradley, who is MP for Staffordshire Moorlands.

Jake, who has spent most of his young years in the care of the county council, attended her surgery, giving him the opportunity to better understand the diversity that comes with her dual role as an MP and minister.

Mark Sutton, cabinet member for children and young people at Staffordshire County Council said: "The takeover is a really fun and exciting project."

Complaints about dog fouling fall 90 per cent

A CAMPAIGN to reduce dog fouling in South Staffordshire has resulted in complaints falling by nearly 90 per cent in a year.

By Tom Oakley

Officers from South Staffordshire Council have been working in partnership with parish councils and the local community to reduce dog fouling and to remind residents that they should always pick up after their dog.

Promotional packs containing posters designed by local schoolchildren and signs that glow in the dark have been issued to parish councils and, in addition, 20 areas have received training in the best ways to use the signs and create warning stencils.

Councillor Roger Lees, deputy leader and cabinet member for public health protection services at South Staffordshire Council, said: "I'm delighted that our work with local parish councils means that our parks, open spaces and streets remain clean.

"Although the vast majority of responsible dog owners across South Staffordshire clean up after their pets, there are still some irresponsible pet owners who need reminding that if they don't clean up after their dog, they could risk a £1,000 fine."

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "Dog fouling is an extremely serious and unpleasant issue. We are lucky to live in a beautiful part of the country, and it's a shame that there are some individuals who do not clean up after their dogs, creating a mess along our public pathways.

"I am glad to see that South Staffordshire Council and our parish councils are highlighting this issue in an effort to reduce it."

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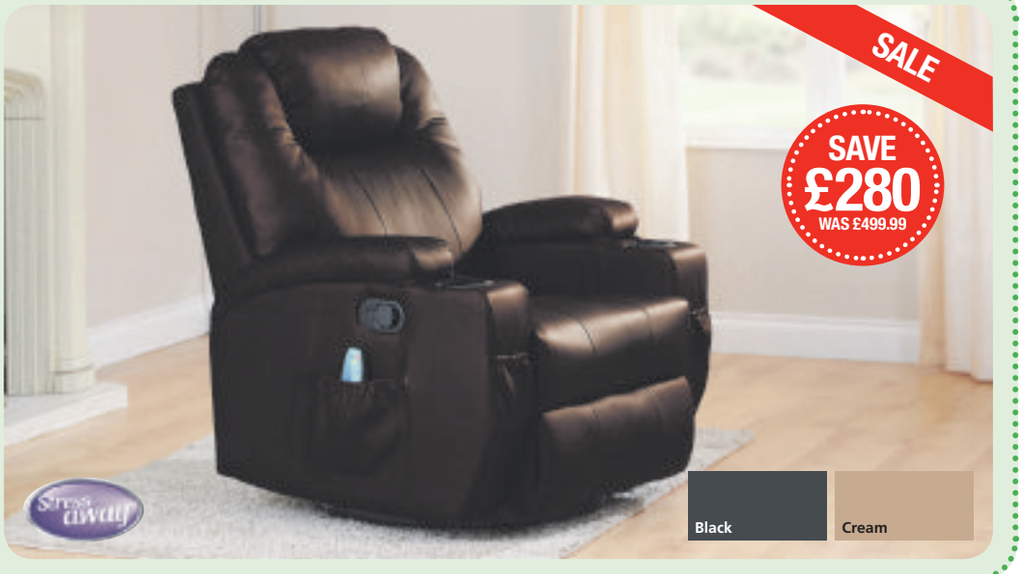

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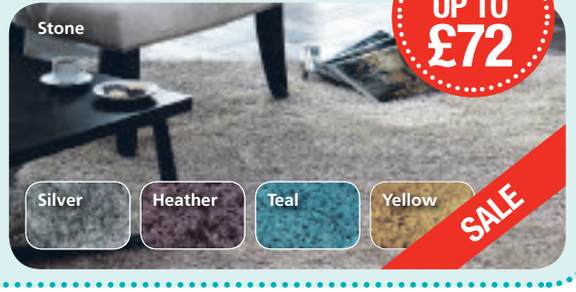

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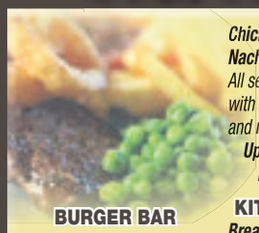

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McKinnon delivers emotional material in Bad Vibrations

This band will be a name to remember

IF the musical genre metalcore is a mystery to you, then Florida's A Day To Remember may be the biggest band you've never heard of.

But this pop-punk outfit from Ocala have become massive Stateside since releasing their debut And Their Name Was Treason in 2005.

They've sold more than a million units, racked up over 400 million Spotify streams and 500 million YouTube views, garnered two gold-selling albums and singles (and one silver album in the UK) and sold out entire continental tours (including their own curated Self Help Festival). They have amassed a global fanbase whose members number in the millions.

All of which explains why Rolling Stone called them "An Artist You Need To Know."

On Wednesday they play the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham with support from fellow Florida rockers New Found Glory, Wrexham pop-punkers Neck Deep and Kent emo outfit Moose Blood.

For new album Bad Vibrations, the quintet of vocalist Jeremy McKinnon, guitarists Kevin Skaff and Neil Westfall, bassist Joshua Woodard and drummer Alex Shelnutt switched gears and headed for uncharted territory. Their path included a loose and much more collaborative songwriting process, one that also saw them recording for the first time with producers Bill Stevenson (Descendents, Black Flag) and Jason Livermore (Rise Against, NOFX).

Although the album is being released on the band's own ADTR Records (like 2013's Common Courtesy), this record marks their first distribution deal with Epitaph and is the first time they've worked with Grammy winner Andy Wallace (Foo Fighters, Slayer).

"We completely changed the way we wrote, recorded and mixed this album," says vocalist McKinnon. "It was one of the most unique recording experiences we've ever had.

"We rented a cabin in the Colorado mountains and just wrote with the five of us together in a room, which was the polar opposite of the last three albums we've made. We just let things happen organically and in the moment.

"I think it forever changed the way we make music. And working with Bill was an awesome experience. He was a bit hard to read at first, so I think we subconsciously pushed ourselves harder to try to impress him. As a result, we gave this album everything we had."

Kinetic

Recorded at Stevenson's Fort Collins-based Blasting Room Studios, Bad Vibrations channels the kinetic energy that found A Day To Remember named "The Best Live Band Of 2015" by Alternative Press.

The band decided to forgo digitally driven production and focus on live recording. "These days it seems like a lot of heavy sounding music is heading more and more in a digital direction," says McKinnon. "That's not necessarily a bad thing but we wanted to go the opposite way and make something that's aggressive but has more of a natural flow and feel to it."

Ultimately, McKinnon says that this particular album-making process breathed new life into the band. He adds: "Breaking out of our comfort zone and working in a less controlled way, we ended up making something that feels good to everyone, and we can't wait to go out and tour on it."

By powering Bad Vibrations with so much raw passion, A Day To Remember ultimately deliver some of their most emotionally intense material to date.

"I'm singing about the things that are frustrating me," says Mckinnon. "But at some point there's an arc within the song. It's almost like I'm giving advice to another person about whatever I'm struggling with, but I think I'm really just trying to give that advice to myself."

The band tackles duplicity and deception (on the frenzied 'Same About You'), the destructive nature of judgmental behaviour (on 'Justified', a track shot through with soaring harmonies and sprawling guitar work), addiction (on the darkly charged 'Reassemble'), and friendship poisoned by unchecked ego (on 'Bullfight,' a track with a classic-punk chorus).

It's Taylor-made for Pretty Reckless rock

The Pretty Reckless, fronted by Taylor Momsen, are back with recent album Who You Selling For and a Birmingham gig

AMERICAN rock band The Pretty Reckless, fronted by former Gossip Girl actress Taylor Momsen, perform in Birmingham tomorrow night (Friday), following the release of third studio album Who You Selling For.

Released in October, that album was the follow-up to Going to Hell, which included one of the biggest rock songs of 2014, Heaven Knows.

The latest album features songs with bluesy undertones, written by singer-guitarist Momsen and lead guitarist Ben Phillips, and is produced by the band's longtime collaborator Kato Khandwala, who has also worked with Blondie, Paramore and My Chemical Romance.

Formed in 2009, The Pretty Reckless released their debut album Light Me Up in 2010 scoring legions of fans worldwide, but it was their second album Going to Hell that really established the band, and Momsen as a creditable rock singer as well as actress and model. Despite feeling the physical and emotional demands from their epic two-year tour supporting Going to Hell, Momsen and Phillips jumped right into writing the songs for the new album.

"We had so much we wanted to say, it was like shaking a can of soda on tour and then when we started writing we cracked the seal," says Momsen. "The touring life is very isolating. You look at the world through a bus or airplane window. But music is the healing factor. It saved us – again."

The Pretty Reckless are at Birmingham's O2 Institute, Digbeth, doors open 6.30pm.

Glenn's men at the Robin

CANNOCK rock star Glenn Hughes has spoken of his excitement at coming back to the UK this month for a tour.

The legendary singer and bassist, who is currently in the studio in LA recording a new studio album with rock supergroup Black Country Communion, has released an official statement to his fans about touring the UK this month.

He cancelled a similar tour which was set to take place last November just weeks before it started after a fall-out with support band Living Colour, who removed themselves from the bill at short notice.

Hughes will return to the Black Country on Monday night for a show at Bilston's Robin 2.

The California-based rocker said: "I'm thrilled to be coming over to tour the UK and Europe this month and February.

"My band will now be a four piece. On guitar is Søren Andersen, on drums Pontus Engborg, and on keyboards Jay Boe. Song selections will be a mix from my new album Resonate, and from my well of historic songs through the decades."

Previously Hughes has fronted Deep Purple, Trapeze and more recently supergroup Black Country Communion. He was also the voice of The KLF's hit What Time Is Love?

Hughes will be supported by Walsall band Stone Broken. Tickets cost £22.50 in advance or £24.50 on the door. Contact 01902 401 211 or visit www.therobin.co.uk

Stray marking 50th milestone with gig

ROCK four-piece Stray are celebrating 50 years together with a gig at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Sunday. Four school friends formed the group in London in 1966, releasing their first album in 1970 and have been performing ever since.

Still led by guitarist Del Bromham, the band play a melodic mix of hard rock and heavy blues.

The Superskas play the venue tomorrow (Friday), there is a charity gig by The Busby Babes on Saturday and Glenn Hughes plays on Monday (see above).

On Tuesday there is blues from Lil' Jimmy Reed, and more blues from Eric Sardinas on Wednesday, and then it's time to jive, with King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys, supported by Ricky Cool and The In Crowd, at the Mount Pleasant venue on Thursday.

Tributes take limelight with feast of nostalgia

THE New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham is preparing for soundalikes next weekend when it holds three consecutive tribute concerts, starting on Thursday with The Bowie Experience.

The two-hour concert celebrates the music of David Bowie, who would have been 70 last week if not for his death a year ago. The band is fronted by Laurence Knight in costume in several Bowie guises.

On January 27 Someone Like You features the Adele songbook, performed in concert by Kate Markham. The Carpenters Story on January 28 features Claire Furley as Karen Carpenter, the velvet-voiced singer who performed in The Carpenters. Also on Saturday, January 28, the Robin 2 presents the ultimate 70s night with Bootleg Abba and Bee Gees Fever.

Orchestra play score alongside Blood epic

THE 50-piece London Contemporary Orchestra will be performing the score by Jonny Greenwood for Oscar-winning movie There Will Be Blood live alongside a screening of the epic at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Sunday, February 5.

The soundtrack, by the Oxford-born guitarist and keyboardist from acclaimed experimental rock band Radiohead, added to the success of director Paul Thomas Anderson's drama set during the California oil boom of the early 1900s.

Described as a 'masterpiece' by some critics, the film won Academy Awards for actor Daniel Day-Lewis and cinematographer Robert Elswitt.

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Jennifer Hudson

The Voice UK (ITV, 8pm)

The competition forges ahead as the third round of blind auditions arrives. Coaches Will.i.am, Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson and Gavin Rossdale have already started to fill spaces on their teams, and with their initial acts now decided, chances are that the coaches will now start to clash over claiming the most exceptional singers to fill their rosters. When this happens, the competition turns on its head, with the coaches now competing against each other to explain why they would be the perfect mentor for the budding music stars. Emma Willis is on hosting duties, and goes backstage with the contestants' families.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Who Dares Wins.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. TV experts Kieran Long, Piers Taylor, Martin Roberts, Amanda Lamb, Vicki Butler-Henderson, Tiff Needell, John Hammond and Laura Tobin compete in the unorthodox quiz show.

7.00 Let It Shine. The nationwide talent hunt continues, as Mel Giedroyc and Graham Norton host a third round of auditions in Manchester. More hopeful stars take part in solo auditions in front of judges Gary Barlow, Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp and Amber Riley, who are each afforded a/ chance to rate each act out of five stars. As ever, the boys taking to the stage must achieve 15 stars or more to remain in the running to claim a place in Let It Shine's five-strong headline act.

8.25 Casualty. Iain faces an unexpected reunion with his estranged younger sister Gem, a young offender whose supervisor is admitted to the ED after she is struck over the head with a wok.

9.15 Taboo. James Delaney finds himself alone with the mysterious Dr Dumbarton, and ends up discovering he has an unlikely ally. However, with enemies lurking in every corner of London society, James realises Dumbarton's friendship will be but the first in a series of perilous affiliations he will need to make if he is to complete his mission – or avoid meeting an untimely fate. As he works to prevent further attempts on his life, James realises the only way to slip the gaze of his enemies is to give them a more pliable target to destroy in his place. Drama, starring Tom Hardy.

10.10 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights.

11.55 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman looks ahead to the Conference Championship games.

12.25 Film: Paycheck. (2003) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Film: Mary of Scotland. (1936) John Ford's historical drama chronicling the turbulent reign of Mary, Queen of Scots, and her power struggle with Queen Elizabeth I. Katharine Hepburn stars. **8.30 Film:** I Know Where I'm Going! (1945) A woman sets out to marry for money but falls for a dashing but penniless naval officer instead. Powell and Pressburger's romantic drama, starring Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey. **10.00** Secret Britain. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **1.00** Debbie Reynolds: Talking Pictures. **1.30 Film:** Bundle of Joy. (1956) Musical comedy, starring Debbie Reynolds as a salesgirl who finds an abandoned baby which everyone assumes is hers. With Eddie Fisher. **3.05** Tennis: Australian Open Highlights. **4.30** Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents concluding coverage of the opening semi-final, played over the best of 11 frames on day six at Alexandra Palace in London. **5.30** Only Connect. (R)

6.00 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise. The mountains and forests of Northern Thailand, an area that is home to a variety of wildlife, leading to unusual partnerships developing between animals and people. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the second semi-final, played over the best of 11 frames on day six at Alexandra Palace in London. Despite being an invitational event, this tournament is considered one of the more prestigious on the snooker calendar, and with the winner set to claim a cheque for £200,000, both of the players in this contest will be eager to progress to tomorrow's final. With commentary and analysis by Steve Davis, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, John Parrott, Dennis Taylor and John Virgo.

10.30 Film: Looper. (2012) A hitman employed to kill people who have been sent back in time finds his latest target is his future self. Sci-fi thriller, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis.

12.20 Snooker: The Masters – Extra. Hazel Irvine presents extended highlights of the opening semi-final in this year's tournament, played over the best of 11 frames on day six at Alexandra Palace in London. **2.20** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Rebound. (R) **10.25** Guess This House. (R) **11.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** River Monsters. (R) **1.05** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **2.05** Tipping Point. (R) **3.05** The Chase. (R) **4.05** Dance Dance Dance. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! and Fearless. Harry Hill showcases hilarious white-knuckle hijinks from the show's archive, all of which reveal that danger could lurk in even the most unlikely of places.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. Competitors from across the nation test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. Those who make it to the end of the adrenaline-fuelled mission face one final task – scaling the heights of a tower named Mount Midoriyama – as they battle it out for the title of Ninja Warrior UK.

8.00 The Voice UK. Emma Willis presents the third round of blind auditions, with coaches Will.i.am, Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson and Gavin Rossdale aiming to bolster their teams further.

9.30 Through the Keyhole. Marvin Humes, Kate Garraway and Jimmy Carr are challenged to discover the identities of three more mystery celebrities, using only clues found in their homes. Hosted by Keith Lemon.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: I Am Legend. (2007) A Manhattan-based scientist tries to find a cure for a viral plague that has turned all other humans into vampire-like creatures. Sci-fi thriller, with Will Smith.

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.20** Grand Designs. (R)

6.15 Channel 4 News.

6.40 Film: Snow White & the Huntsman. (2012) An evil queen learns that her reign will last for ever if she kills a princess, so sends a renowned warrior to find and murder her. However, he comes to realise his mistress's evil ways, and instead trains his intended victim to fight so they can bring the tyrant's rule to an end. Fantasy adventure, with Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron.

9.00 Film: The Other Woman. (2014) Premiere. A woman is devastated to learn her boyfriend is actually married, but when she meets his wife, they quickly become friends. When they discover he has a third secret lover, they decide to join forces and teach him a lesson. Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann, Kate Upton and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.

11.10 Film: The Watch. (2012) A supermarket manager forms a neighbourhood watch group to patrol his community, but stumbles on an alien invasion. Sci-fi comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn.

1.00 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Esther still cannot remember anything from the shooting, and Lisa and Mac are left feeling guilty about having sex in the cellar while Nathan was being attacked. **3.10** The Secret Life of 6 Year Olds. The documentary moves on to a new, older group. (R) **4.00** Shipping Wars UK. Shahbaz runs into trouble in France when his van makes a strange noise. (R) **4.40** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Transforming a living room, hall and bedroom. (R) **4.55** Location, Location, Location. An update on a property hunt in Aberdeen. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.00** Big Bash Cricket. **11.35 Film:** Escape to Victory. (1981) **1.50** Police Interceptors: Takedown. (R) **2.20** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **3.20** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.15** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **5.15** The Yorkshire Vet. (R)

6.15 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team uncovers an alliance between al-Qaeda and a Mexican drug cartel when a shoot-out at a pawn shop is investigated.

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. Hetty enlists the help of a former colleague when an ex-Navy intelligence officer is murdered, but things go awry when her old friend threatens to kill her. The team races to save Hetty and expose her one-time workmate as having lied to the victim in order to make money from a seemingly charitable venture.

8.00 NCIS. A US Marine is found murdered in Quantico, mere hours after calling Gibbs to discuss a possible case. In response, Bishop and McGee go undercover as a married couple to run surveillance on a lieutenant and his wife, who may be connected to the death. Starring Mark Harmon and Michael Weatherly.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce action from the latest fixtures, which included Queens Park Rangers v Fulham at Loftus Road, Derby County v Reading at Pride Park, and Barnsley v Leeds United at Oakwell.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the latest matches in Leagues One and Two, including Southend United v Bolton Wanderers, and Blackpool v Yeovil Town.

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

11.35 Lip Sync Battle UK: Katie Price vs Ben Fogle. Melanie Brown and Professor Green present as reality star and author Katie Price and presenter and adventurer Ben Fogle go head to head lip-synching to hit songs. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Botched Up Bodies. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Patagonia with Huw Edwards **8.00** Treasures of the Indus **9.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.40** Top of the Pops **12.55** Imagine – Sir Roderick Stewart: Can't Stop Me Now **2.20** Rod Stewart Live at Hyde Park **3.20** Sounds of the 70s **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.15 Ninja Warrior UK **12.20 Film:** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) **1.20** FYI Daily **1.25 Film:** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) **2.10 Film:** Space Jam (1996) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15 Film:** Space Jam (1996) **3.55 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **5.45 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00 Film:** Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008) **11.20** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.45** Dads **2.10** Safeword **2.45** Rixton: The Hot Desk **2.55** Teleshopping

ITV3

2.50 Wycliffe **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Pawn Stars **11.30 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **1.20** Barcelona's European Glory **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Ascot. Coverage of today's race meetings. **4.00 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **6.35** Pawn Stars **7.00** The Boxing Mavericks **8.00** Big Fight Live. Robbie Davies v Willie Limond. **11.00 Film:** Jaws (1975) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Jaws (1975) **1.40** Hell on Wheels **2.35** World Cup Top Goalscorers **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

3.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00 Film:** The Addams Family (1991) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Terminator Salvation (2009) **11.10** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **2.10** Rude Tube: Extreme Rides **3.05** Chewing Gum

Film4

11.00 The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) **1.00** Flight of the Navigator (1986) **2.45** The Lost World (1960) **4.40** One Fine Day (1996) **6.50** The Time Traveler's Wife (2009) **9.00** Lone Survivor (2013)

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Claire Danes

Homeland
(Channel 4, 9pm)
New series. The espionage drama returns, picking up events several months after the climax of season five, which saw a terrorist attack in Berlin being thwarted, and follows the characters through the handover process following a presidential election. Carrie returns to the US with Franny to work with a foundation that provides aid to the Muslim community. Dar and Saul brief the newly elected President as the process of transferring power gets underway, while Quinn struggles to adapt to his new circumstances. Claire Danes, Elizabeth Marvel, Rupert Friend and F Murray Abraham star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Flog It! (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Lifeline. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Spy in the Wild. (R)

6.00 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. The latest rural developments, including reports on issues affecting country communities and insights into the life of the modern farmer. Including weather for the week ahead.

7.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville tries to sell a huge wheel of cheese which is long past its sell by date. Leroy gets sick of delivering goods by bicycle and demands his father invest in a van.

8.00 Call the Midwife. New series. The nuns and midwives return home after their trip to South Africa, to find Nonnatus House has come under new management. The formidable Sister Ursula (Harriet Walter) has taken charge and introduced some drastic changes to the way the clinic is run, which Sister Julienne, bound by her vow of obedience, is powerless to oppose. The midwives come to the aid of a victim of domestic violence whose husband is about to be released from prison, and who risks losing everything if she seeks a divorce. Sister Mary Cynthia suffers further anxiety attacks, and Patsy receives distressing news about her father.

9.00 Apple Tree Yard. New series. Thriller based on Louise Doughty's novel about a scientist who has an affair that leads to a violent incident threatening everything she holds dear. With Emily Watson.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, which featured Southampton v Leicester City, Arsenal v Burnley and Chelsea v Hull City.

11.40 A Question of Sport. (R)

12.10 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Coast. (R) **7.15** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **8.00** An Island Parish: Anguilla. (R) **8.30** The Edible Garden. (R) **9.00** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Talking Snooker. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening eight frames of the final from Alexandra Palace, London, where the best-of-19-frames match takes place. **5.15** Tennis: Australian Open Highlights.

6.15 Ski Sunday. Coverage of the men's downhill on the Hahnenhamm in Kitzbuhel, Austria, and the women's downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Plus, an interview with innovative snowboarder Billy Morgan, who continues to push the boundaries in freestyle.

7.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents concluding coverage of the final from Alexandra Palace, London, where a maximum of 11 frames will be played to decide this year's champion. Last year's showpiece match was a decidedly one-sided affair, with Ronnie O-Sullivan claiming a 10-1 victory over Barry Hawkins to win the competition for a record-equalling sixth time, putting him level with Stephen Hendry. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.

11.00 QI XL. Johnny Vegas, Ronni Ancona and Jimmy Carr join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate the theme "naval navigation" in this extended episode.

11.45 Film: Good. (2008) A literary professor in 1930s Germany finds his work praised by the fast-rising Nazi party, and begins to enjoy the privileges conferred by their acclaim. As his prosperity grows, he becomes increasingly morally compromised, and as the true nature of Nazi ideology becomes clear, he tries to protect his Jewish psychiatrist from the state. Drama, with Viggo Mortensen, Jason Isaacs and Jodie Whittaker.

1.15 Sign Zone: Question Time. Topical debate from Peterborough, chaired by David Dimbleby. (R) **2.15** Holby City. Sacha becomes suspicious about Essie and Raf's relationship, and Fletch fights to save his friend Artem's life when the old gambler returns to the Acute Assessment Unit. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Countrywise: Guide to Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. (R) **11.30** Chopping Block. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Judge Rinder. (R) **1.35** Tipping Point. (R) **2.35** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **3.35** The Voice UK. (R) **5.05** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R)

6.30 Dance Dance Dance. Alesha Dixon and Will Best host the third heat of the dance contest, which finds the contestants challenged to recreate famous routines by Lady Gaga, Michael Jackson and Fred Astaire. Judges Ashley Banjo, Tina Landon and Timor Steffens rate their efforts and decide who will be leaving the show this week.

8.00 Endeavour. Morse is assigned to protect an informant who is undergoing emergency surgery. The case brings back unpleasant memories for the detective, while his colleagues are thrown into disarray when Bright is also rushed to hospital. Morse becomes fixated with a series of mysterious deaths that have occurred on the ward, and tries to find the scientific explanation behind stories of a curse.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)

11.15 The Cube. Contestants try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks, hoping to win a jackpot of £250,000. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show: DNA Bombshells. Guests air their differences. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30 Film:** Tooth Fairy. (2010) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **4.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.20** Channel 4 News. **5.50 Film:** The Day After Tomorrow. (2004) A climatologist races across America to rescue his son as freak weather conditions cause devastation around the world. Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. Edited for language and violence.

8.00 Walking the Americas. Levison Wood travels along a string of volcanoes in Nicaragua as he makes his way to Costa Rica, and climbs to the top of an active volcano referred to as the Mouth of Hell. He also meets fishermen who live on an island in Central America's largest lake, visits a camp for migrants trying to reach the US, and attempts to climb the highest mountain on his route.

9.00 Homeland. New series. Carrie returns to the US with Franny to work as an advocate for Muslim Americans, while Dar and Saul brief President-elect Keane. Claire Danes stars.

10.05 Film: Trainspotting. (1996) A heroin addict makes a series of attempts to kick the habit, but the grind of everyday life and a circle of similarly self-destructive friends keep dragging him back to his old ways. Following a near-fatal overdose, he comes to the realisation that the only way to put his life in order is to rid himself of his friends – which is easier said than done. Danny Boyle's drama based on Irvine Welsh's novel, starring Ewan McGregor, Robert Carlyle and Ewen Bremner.

11.55 The 90s: Ten Years That Changed the World. Kathy Burke narrates this look back at the 1990s revolution in British music, fashion, film, sport, art and media, as told by the people who made it happen. (R)

1.20 How to Lose Weight Well. (R) **2.15** Millionaires' Mansions: Designing Britain's Most Exclusive Homes. (R) **3.10** The Autistic Gardener. (R) **4.05** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Seaside Antics. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.15** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.40** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.55** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.20** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.55** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **12.20** Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **1.20 Film:** Kangaroo Jack. (2003) Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. **3.00 Film:** George of the Jungle. (1997) **4.45 Film:** Herbie: Fully Loaded. (2005)

6.30 Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud.

7.30 The Adele Story. Documentary charting the remarkable career trajectory of Adele Adkins, the pop and soul singer who rose from humble beginnings in Tottenham to become one of the biggest stars of the modern music industry. Now popular enough to warrant going by her forenname only, Adele's interest in music was encouraged by her mother from an early age. Winning a place at the Brit School in Croydon, Adele first shot into the public eye when her friend uploaded a demo to MySpace in 2006, and by the time she graduated, the singer had already secured a record deal. What followed were three hugely successful albums, 19, 21 and 25, each of which surpassed the last in terms of critical acclaim and sales figures. Adele also scored an Oscar in 2013 for her song Skyfall, which featured as the theme of the James Bond film of the same name. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.00 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies.

11.05 Film: Just Go with It. (2011) Romantic comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston.

1.10 SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Universal Soldier. (1992) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **8.00** Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History **9.00** Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster **10.00** Hidden Killers of the Post-War Home **11.00** Horizon: What's Wrong with Our Weather? **12.00** Play It Loud: The Story of the Marshall Amp **1.00** Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand **2.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **3.00** Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster **4.00** Close

ITV2

3.00 Film: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **4.45 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **6.55 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

1.50 Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** This Time Next Year **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.35 Film:** Wimbledon (2004) **11.35** FYI Daily **11.40 Film:** Wimbledon (2004) **12.40** A Touch of Frost **2.20** Wycliffe **3.15** May the Best House Win

ITV4

5.10 Film: The Man from the Alamo (1953) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **6.50** Mr Bean **8.00 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **10.00 Film:** The Bank Job (2008) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** The Bank Job (2008) **12.15 Film:** Road (2014) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20 Film:** Road (2014) **2.20** Tommy Cooper **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

2.35 The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Colombiana (2011) **11.05** Tattoo Fixers **12.10** Virtually Famous **1.05** Gogglebox **1.50** The Goldbergs **2.40** Rude Tube

Film4

1.00 Short Circuit (1986) **3.05** The House of Magic (2013) **4.45** Time Bandits (1981) **7.00** The Way Way Back (2013) **9.00** The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014) **11.05** Enemy at the Gates (2001)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Too Close To Kill, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Two best friends go their separate ways for the first time when one gets into the most revered sorority on campus, but matters soon take a fatal turn when one of them is murdered. Thriller, starring Greer Grammer, Chloe Babcook and Steve Bacic. (2016)

TUESDAY
Stolen Child, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A couple who have tried unsuccessfully to conceive resort to adopting a baby from Eastern Europe. However, their newfound happiness is shattered when they discover the disturbing series of events that brought the child into their lives. Drama, starring Emmanuelle Vaugier and Corbin Bernsen. (2012)

Insidious, Friday, Channel 4, 12.50am

WEDNESDAY
The Others, Channel 4, 1.30am
A woman awaits the return of her husband from the Second World War while struggling to care for her son and daughter. Both children suffer a violent reaction when exposed to daylight, forcing her to keep much of their isolated home on the island of Jersey shrouded in gloom. When the pair claim to see strangers in the house, their terrified mother begins to suspect that the souls of the dead are stalking the halls. Period supernatural thriller, starring Nicole Kidman. (2001)

THURSDAY
Badge of Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman discovers her supposedly dead son is still alive, his demise having been faked by her ex-husband as part of an elaborate plot to destroy her life. However, finding the evidence to prove her story turns out to be a difficult challenge. Thriller, starring Julie Benz and Matthew Kevin Anderson. (2014)

FRIDAY
Insidious, Channel 4, 12.50am
A family experience strange events in their house and become convinced it is haunted. However, after moving on, they find the dark forces have followed them and when their son mysteriously falls into a coma, they must find a way to get rid of the paranormal entities tormenting them. Horror, starring Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne. (2010)

The stars are out to shine in the capital

It's January, the start of a new year, a time, perhaps, to look back at what happened during the previous 12 months.

That's certainly the case in the showbusiness world.

During the next few weeks, we'll be inundated with awards ceremonies. The Golden Globes have already taken place, Bafta's film event appears on February 12, with the Oscars happen a fortnight later.

But our focus, for now, will be on the National Television Awards (or NTAs, for short). They're a little bit special because they're voted for by the public, ie the audience sat at home watching programmes for pleasure, rather than stuffy critics who are paid for their opinions.

That fact also makes them mean more to the winners too – after all, if the fans have voted for them, then they must be doing something right.

The past 12 months have certainly been very special TV-wise, with lots of highlights to choose from – long gone are the days when viewers were left bemoaning that there was nothing on the box tonight!

The Great British Bake Off proved to be hugely popular, and viewers were fixed to their screens as Candice Brown was crowned the winner. But it was a bittersweet moment as it was revealed that the 2016 run would be the last to appear on the BBC – controversially, it will make its debut on Channel 4 this year, without presenters Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins, and judge Mary Berry, although Paul Hollywood had opted to stick with the show.

Interestingly, the programme (Best Challenge Show), Mel and Sue (TV Presenter), and Mary (TV Judge) are all up for NTAs, but Paul is not…

While Mary faces fierce competition from fellow veteran Len Goodman, who has retired from Strictly Come Dancing, Mel and Sue must beat the mighty Ant and Dec if they're to triumph – and that's no mean feat.

One of the most hotly contested categories will be Drama Performance, where Cillian Murphy (Peaky Blinders), Jenna Colman (Victoria), Sarah Lancashire (Happy Valley) and recent Golden Globe winner Tom Hiddleston (The Night Manager) will vie for the title.

All of their series are also in the running for awards, in either the Drama or Period Drama sections.

Other big names and shows set to feature on the night are Cold Feet, Casualty, Coronation Street, David Walliams, Simon Cowell and Game of Thrones.

Dermot O'Leary will host the event live from London's O2 arena, while Queen of the Jungle Scarlett Moffatt takes charge of the ceremony's social media feeds, delivering all the latest backstage gossip in the process.

"I've never been to an awards ceremony before," says Scarlett. "I can't believe the first one I'm attending is as part of the actual NTA team working alongside Dermot, the master of live TV; it's going to be such an amazing experience.

"To top it off, my Dad gets to be my plus one and walk me down my first ever red carpet. What more can a girl ask for?"

The National Television Awards 2017, Wednesday, ITV, 7.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Winterwatch 2017
BBC2, 8pm
New series. Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games return to RSPB Arne in Dorset as they present from their base on Poole Harbour, which is officially the most biodiverse region in the UK, with more species of animals and plants within 10 miles of Wareham than anywhere else in the country. Gillian Burke examines military pillboxes in Studland to explore the lives of hibernating butterflies in winter, while Martin tries to understand the harbour's appeal for waders, particularly avocets, and has an incredible revelation.

TUESDAY
Brainwashing Stacey
BBC1, 10.45pm
Stacey Dooley travels to southern California to meet Jeff White, an anti-abortion campaigner who runs a group entitled Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust. He's been arrested more than 100 times for leading public protests against pregnancy terminations, and runs so-called Survivors Pro-Life Training Camps, in which children from all over America are invited to take part in summer camps which, according to its website, aims to ëeducate and equip young activitists who are willing to be used by God to defend those unjustly sentenced to death'. Dooley joins some of the youngsters on field trips which seem to involve disrupting what goes on at abortion clinics, and hears why they feel that White's message is one that should be heard and heeded.

WEDNESDAY
Who Do You Think You Are?
BBC1, 8pm
As the 'last of the McKellen's', the award-winning actor and civil rights champion Sir Ian McKellen admits to a degree of melancholy as delves into his family history, but the results pay off greatly. On his journey back through his family history, he discovers one of his ancestors was a Victorian political activist, and another relative was also linked to the theatre. Finally, Ian learns that previous generations of his family have a surprising link to an ancient druidical landmark in the Lake District.

Hospital
BBC2, 9pm
The spotlight moves to the neurological ward, where crane driver Phil is one of the most urgent cases. After collapsing at work he is becoming increasingly paralysed, and Kevin O'Neill, one of the country's leading brain surgeons, wants to remove the fast-growing brain tumour causing Phil's condition. It's a life-threatening operation, and time is of the essence – but securing theatre time in a hospital at bursting point proves to be far from simple. But waiting times could be a thing of the past if revolutionary new treatments that don't involve invasive brain surgery prove to be successful. Consultant neurologist Dr Peter Bain is at the forefront of this work, and talks viewers through how using MRI-focussed ultrasound waves could replace knives and drills.

Brainwashing Stacey, Tuesday, BBC1, 10.45pm

THURSDAY
Spy in the Wild
BBC1, 8pm
The undercover cameras reveal how animals rely upon each other for a range of activities. Arctic wolves group together to survive in one of the harshest landscapes on earth, a band of hungry mongoose groom warthogs for tasty morsels – before turning their attention to Spy Warthog – and fish help clean hippos' bodies, as well as providing a unique dental service. Meanwhile, crocodiles and dikkop birds take part in a mutual neighbourhood watch against hungry prowling monitor lizards, and Spy Rattlesnake captures how prairie dogs and burrowing owls use their language skills to tell the rest of their community of approaching danger.

FRIDAY
Eurovision: You Decide
BBC2, 7.30pm
It's now been 20 years since the UK won the Eurovision Song Contest – our last victors were Katrina and the Waves back in 1997 with Love Shine a Light. So that makes it all the more important that we find the right song to represent us this year, and the BBC are turning to the public to help with the search. Hosted by self-confessed Eurovision fan Mel Giedroyc from the Hammersmith Apollo, this live shows sees six short-listed acts taking to the stage in the hopes of impressing the viewers and a jury of music professionals. The panel will offer feedback on the songs – and some suggestions as to how they might be staged – before their scores are combined with the public vote to determine who will be flying the flag for the UK in Ukraine this year.

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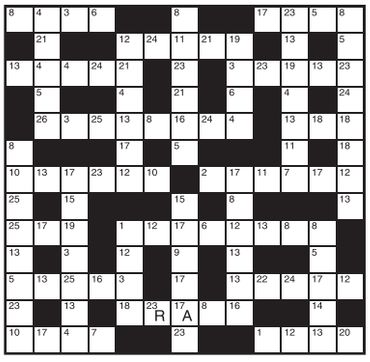

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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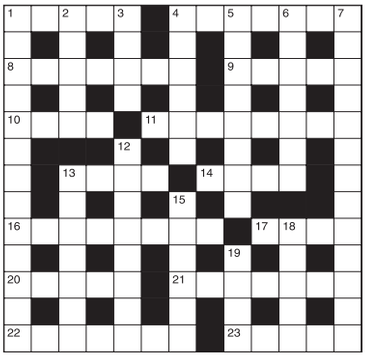
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Everybody out of bed: this is the end! (3,2)
4. Cut nail for madman (7)
8. Take the lead in behaviour (7)
9. He has a suit, of course (5)
10. The majority of doctors get treatment first (4)
11. Charm by getting on stage? (8)
13. Plunge into a drinking-den (4)
14. At this point in the rehearsal (4)
16. Current minister is absolutely right (8)
17. Frank has nothing to writer (4)
20. I break up game involving idol (5)
21. Compunction about code (7)
22. Try a leg in a big way (7)
23. Entertain, as doctors do (5)

Down

1. Obliging with lodgings, perhaps (13)
2. Rows involve falsehoods about Norman, initially (5)
3. Register pique when dupes get dues this way (4)
4. The French temporary home is hidden (6)
5. Stagger from all quarters to see topical film (4-4)
6. Counter beat (7)
7. Complementary journalist (13)
12. Get too many degrees for comfort? (8)
13. Aver led race (7)
15. Violent tale about a thousand (6)
18. Clearing out of undesirables from group urgently needed (5)
19. Give out time is up (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Force back (5)
4. Quell (7)
8. Scheme (7)
9. Subject (5)
10. Alleviate (4)
11. Reduce (8)
13. Act (4)
14. Profit (4)
16. Harshness (8)
17. Labyrinth (4)
20. Lighter (5)
21. Tedious (7)
22. Factor (7)
23. Urge (5)

Down

1. Blameworthy (13)
2. Devout (5)
3. Dregs (4)
4. Preferably (6)
5. Fatherly (8)
6. Interpret (7)
7. Extreme reticence (13)
12. Respite (8)
13. Separate (7)
15. Rigorous (6)
18. Without help (5)
19. Neglect (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Spaghetti; 8 Ties; 9 Sovereign; 10 Roller; 11 Steed; 14 Lisle; 15 Note; 16 Remit; 18 Neil; 20 Rents; 21 Cites; 24 Marian; 25 Unmarried; 26 Shun; 27 Plaything. Down: 1 Startling; 2 Realistic; 4 Poor; 5 Guest; 6 Eleven; 7 Tags; 9 Sewer; 11 Samos; 12 Downright; 13 Reasoning; 17 Tread; 19 Litany; 22 Earth; 23 Anil; 24 Mean. QUICK - Across: 3 Pseudonym; 8 Item; 9 Destitute; 10 Lessen; 11 Tenet; 14 Nurse; 15 True; 16 Rumba; 18 Sold; 20 Fount; 21 Yield; 24 Propel; 25 Reconcile; 26 Dawn; 27 Wrangling. Down: 1 Violinist; 2 Leisurely; 4 Seen; 5 Untie; 6 Outset; 7 Yeti; 9 Defer; 11 Timid; 12 Triumphal; 13 Pestilent; 17 Afire; 19 Disown; 22 Local; 23 Gear; 24 Plan.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. What nationality was the painter Paul Klee?
2. In which war were the Battles of Bull Run fought?
3. Who won the 1994 Booker Prize?
4. With which film did Marlene Dietrich win world fame?
5. Whose wife was Helen of Troy?
6. Of which Canadian province is Winnipeg the capital?
7. In snooker, how many points is the brown ball worth?
8. Which element has the symbol Na?
9. What is a pond-skater?
10. Which calendar includes the months Messidor and Thermidor?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Mallord; 2 Quango; 3 Jack Lemmon; 4 Trefoil; 5 Edward II; 6 1971; 7 Land of Nod; 8 Canada; 9 Dundee; 10 Orchids.

Niner: SPHERICAL

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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£199	£199**	£500**	£17,092.93	£14,393.93	NIL
Guaranteed Min Future Value	**Finance Deposit Allowance**	**Total Amount Payable**	**Annual Mileage**	**Duration of agreement**	**Fixed Rate of Interest**
£6,579	£2,000*	£18,631.47	5,000†	48 Months	3.64%

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Guaranteed Min Future Value	**Finance Deposit Allowance**	**Total Amount Payable**	**Annual Mileage**	**Duration of agreement**	**Fixed Rate of Interest**
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Golden globes – porcini mushroom arancini with lovage pesto

Warm and welcoming interior

Sound as a bell – The Bell in Belbroughton

As good as gold – melting golden chocolate bomb

Fantastic food sound as a Bell

Lisa Williams tucks in

MONDAY. Quite possibly the worst day of the week. Back to work when you've just enjoyed a lovely, lazy weekend.

A harsh dose of reality after two days bliss. But on a cheeky day off, while the rest of the country began their nine-to-five, it was nice to know a leisurely lunch was imminent.

It seemed like a good idea to revisit a pub that was a four-star find 18 months ago and had not long reopened after a revamp.

It was a good decision and standards remain high, another four stars, and there would've been an extra half had there not been a salmon and spinach debacle – to be revealed in due course.

So on a rainy Monday we ventured to the warm and welcoming pub. Gone were the countrified and formal furnishings replaced with a fancy and modern eclectic mix of looks. Bright velvet seats were coupled with animal prints and plain bold colours. Metal lantern lights and huge light shades hung above our heads.

Our waitress, Amy, was bright and bubbly and very helpful. The menu has a great deal of choice which should satisfy the fussiest of eaters. It also has a fair few imaginative dishes.

Stand-out options include something that's all the rage at the moment – a Wagyu burger; there's also a fisherman's platter starter including Sloe gin smoked salmon with salmon caviar and crayfish cocktail in bloody Mary ketchup.

And for veggies there's a roasted winter vegetable tart stuffed with butternut squash, beetroot and Cropwell Bishop custard with a Stilton and walnut crumb; and also a buttermilk Southern Fried chicken stuffed with 'nduja sausage, with sweet potato fries, apple salad and preserved lemon aioli.

There are plenty of other simpler options too, sandwiches if you fancy a lighter bite, pizzas, pasta, salads and loads of meat and fish dishes.

We decided to go all out and have three courses. My other half went for the deep-fried Somerset Brie in panko breadcrumbs with apricot and cumin chutney and I chose the Porcini Mushroom Arancini with lovage pesto.

My three golden orbs of arancini were delightful. The perfect crunch gave way to a heady mix of earthy mushrooms, salty and sticky mozzarella and al dente rice.

The Somerset Brie was a gooey splendour with stretchy strings of cheese. For mains he went for hearty man food, a steak, ale and Portobello mushroom pie with mashed potato, heritage carrots and seasonal greens.

Delicious

For me a fish dish from the specials menu, oven-baked salmon on a bed of tomato and garlic linguine with wilted spinach. A lovely shortcrust pastry pie appeared with a good helping of mashed potato and veg.

My salmon looked delicious with a gorgeously crispy skin nut immediately I noticed the absence of the wilted spinach. I cut into the salmon and began to eat. There was a bone and then another. The fish was slightly slimy and when I poked in my fork further I could see it wasn't cooked.

Amy apologised profusely and with no fuss she took away both meals. After a little wait they were returned to us. My salmon was back with spinach and cooked perfectly. The flavour of the tomato and the garlic in the linguine, which was cooked as pasta should be, was subtle but fresh and worked well with the fish.

The way the situation was handled and the quality of the fresh meals more than made up for the initial disappointment.

The pie was a success too, with the pastry getting top marks.

Despite feeling quite full we weren't leaving without sampling dessert. I wanted something lighter as I didn't want to end up feeling stuffed so went for the '200 calories or less' option.

This was strawberries and frozen natural yoghurt with honey ripple and rhubarb and rose flavour curd. It sounded refreshing and also the curd a little intriguing.

He went for something chocolatey, the melting golden chocolate bomb with caramel ice cream, chocolate popping candy and hot Devon cream toffee sauce.

We left with great big grins on our faces, full bellies and made a promise to return as soon as we possibly could!

Don't miss Sunday's Wedding Fayre at The George Hotel in Lichfield!

If you are involved in the planning of a wedding you should make a date to visit The George Hotel's Wedding Fayre this Sunday, 22nd January.

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Imposing house set in a sought after cul-de-sac

A superb family home, 10 Wallace Court, Cheslyn Hay is for sale through Paul Carr at £436,500.

An imposing detached house set in a sought after cul-de-sac location, this property is close to local amenities, excellent schools and access to transport links.

With central heating and double glazing the accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, dining rom, breakfast kitchen, utility room, playroom/study, guest WC, master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a bathroom and a garage.

In more detail this generous accommodation includes a welcoming entrance hallway with Karndean flooring, a spacious lounge with an ornate feature fireplace, a separate dining room and a further reception which could be used as a playroom or study, said a spokesman for the selling agent.

Completing the ground floor there is a well appointed breakfast kitchen with a range of wall and base units and integrated appliances, a utility room and a guest WC.

To the first floor the large master suite has fitted wardrobes and an en-suite shower room and there are four further double bedrooms and the well equipped family bathroom with a WC, wash-basin, bath and separate shower cubicle with mains shower over.

Outside there is a predominantly lawned rear garden with a paved seating area and a selection of shrubs and bushes. To the front of the property there is ample off-road parking giving access to the integral garage.

Paul Carr is the largest estate agent and letting agent in the West Midlands with offices in Aldridge, Boldmere, Brownhills, Burntwood, Erdington, Four Oaks, Great Barr, Great Wyrley, Hamstead, Kingstanding, Streetly and Walmley covering Birmingham, Walsall, Sutton Coldfield, Cannock, Lichfield and South Staffordshire.

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CHESLYN HAY £436,500

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PROPERTY

Outstanding detached executive home is for sale

New to the property market, this outstanding detached executive family home in Nelson Drive, Wimblebury, Cannock is for sale through Webbs at offers over £340,000.

An individually designed double fronted detached family home, it is situated in popular cul de sac location in Wimblebury, being close to all local amenities and good schools. The accommodation briefly comprises a through hallway, a formal lounge, a dining room, a sitting room, a guest WC, a family dining kitchen and a utility room.

CANNOCK

£340,000

To the first floor there is a gallery landing, a generous family bathroom, four double bedrooms with an en-suite to the master bedroom.

Outside there is a detached double garage set within landscaped, private gardens with gated driveway. Viewing is strongly recommended.

For further information contact Webbs on 01543 468846.

Immaculate new build with a spacious lounge/diner

CANNOCK

£145,000 >>>

This brand new three-bedroomed property in Common Lane, Cannock comes with a block paved driveway with parking for two cars.

It is for sale through Paul Carr at offers over £145,000.

It has a porch opening to a spacious entrance hall, a downstairs WC, a contemporary kitchen with a built-in oven, four ring gas hob, tiled flooring and tiled splash backs. The generous lounge has patio doors leading out to the rear garden and a wall mounted feature pebble effect fire. Upstairs are three good sized bedrooms and a modern bathroom.

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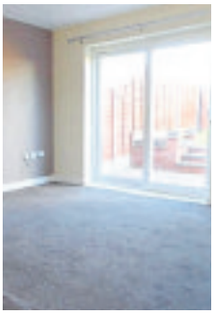

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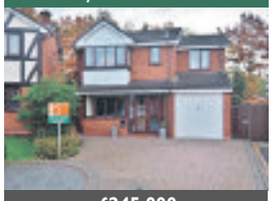

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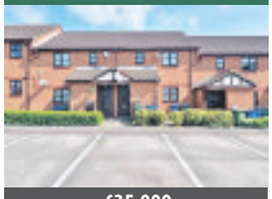

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Village location for three-bed bungalow

GREAT WYRLEY

£309,950

With a motivated seller and in a popular village location, this three-bedroomed dormer bungalow in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, Walsall is for sale through Webbs at £309,950 with no chain.

On a generous plot with extensive parking, this deceptively spacious property briefly comprises an entrance porch, a through hallway, a lounge, a dining room, a lounge/diner, a breakfast kitchen, two conservatories, three bedrooms (master en-suite), a shower room, WC, bathroom and a garage.

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This detached bungalow has great versatile living space

CANNOCK

£230,000 <<<

This excellent detached bungalow in Pye Green Road, Cannock, has superbly versatile living space.

Ideal for a growing family or a more mature buyer wanting generous accommodation, it is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £230,000.

The paved frontage has ample parking space.

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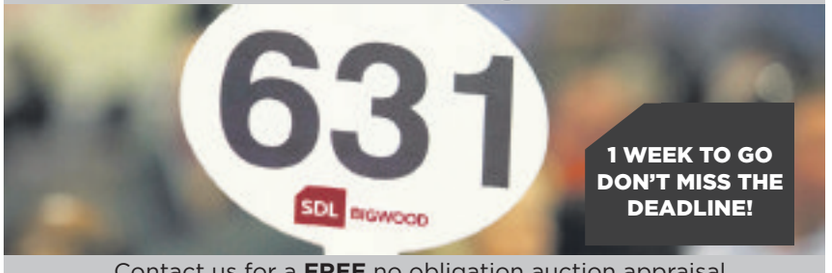

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Its accommodation briefly comprises three reception rooms, a breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Externally there are well maintained gardens.

RUGELEY

£425,000

In more detail the entrance hall has a composite front door, a leaded front window, laminate flooring, stairs off and a cloaks cupboard under. There is a family room/study with laminate flooring and a lounge with an inglenook fireplace with an oak beam over and a wood burning fire on quarry tiled hearth. The conservatory has solid oak flooring and the dining room has laminate flooring and a front facing bay window. The breakfast kitchen includes a Belfast sink, integrated fridge and freezer, integrated dishwasherand a central island.

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Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this split level detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location.Having Hallway with landing to Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Stairs down to Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Guest w.c. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

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£299,950

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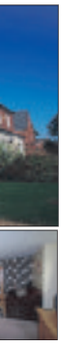

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached family home situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden. NO CHAIN

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Coalpit Mews, Brereton

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Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill

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£174,950

Plovers Rise, Rugeley

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£149,950

Upton Place, Rugeley

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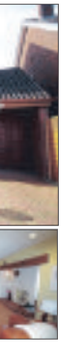
£145,000



East Butts Road, Etching Hill

- Superbly presented executive detached home in a sought after location with No Upward Chain. Internally the property has three reception rooms, luxury breakfast kitchen, conservatory, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Externally there are well maintained gardens, garage and block paved gated driveway providing off road parking

£425,000

Old Eaton Road, Rugeley

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£244,950

Pike Lane, Armitage

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£205,000

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- Ideal first time buy
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- Allocated parking
- Awaiting EPC rating

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- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
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- EPC rating B

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CHESLYN HAY
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- Kitchen, utility
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- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY

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- Sought after location
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- Guest WC, Utility, Study
- Conservatory, Gallery landing
- Family bathroom, En-suite
- Double Garage
- Lounge, Dining room
- EPC rating D

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HEATH HAYES
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- Re-fitted bathroom & En-suite
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- Conservatory, Study
- Garage, Driveway
- Private enclosed garden
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CANNOCK
LONGFORD ROAD

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£400 pcm

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- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/PETS

£410 pcm

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- NO DSS/ PETS

£475 pcm

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- Allocated

£530 pcm

WALNUT DRIVE, CANNOCK

NEW

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- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£675 pcm

WARREN CLOSE, RAWNSLEY

NEW

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- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

GLENMORE AVENUE, BURNTWOOD

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- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Energy rating D
- Sorry No DSS/

£575 pcm

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NEW

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- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

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Available Soon

- NO DEPOSIT OPTION
- Three Bed Detached
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£575 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory,
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Gardens & Drive
- EPC Pending

£595 pcm

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 2/3 Bed Flat
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen, En-suite
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR

£600 pcm

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- SMART DEPOSIT SCHEME Available
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- Lounge, Dining Room

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- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Drive & Garage
- Energy Rating C

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BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG,

£625 pcm

SWALLOWFIELDS DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

- Three bed semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Gardens,

£650 pcm

SHAKESPEARE ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room & WC
- GCH, DG
- Gardens,

£700 pcm

CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

NEW

- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Drive

£750 pcm

ACORN CLOSE , HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

- A Well Presented End Town House
- Hall
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Allocated Parking

OIEO £100,000

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

£105,000 No Chain

BROAD STREET, BRIDGTOWN

REDUCED

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Family Lounge, Dining- Sitting Room
- Extended Modern
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Good Sized Garden
- Viewing Essential

OIEO £110,000

BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£112,000

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

- A Mid Terraced House
- Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Popular Location

£115,000 No Chain

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

NO CHAIN

- Immaculately Presented Apartment
- Security Entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking

£119,950

BLAKE CLOSE, CANNOCK

NEW

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£125,000 No Chain

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented and Spacious Semi Det House
- Through Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Guest WC & Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom

£138,500

CHARTERFIELD DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- A Very Well Presented Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£139,950

CHARTERFIELD DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- A Very Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Porch
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens,Driveway & Garage

£145,000 No Chain

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£179,995

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- Reception Hall
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Dining Room & Large Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three 1st Floor Bedrooms
- 1st Bathroom/Shower Room
- Driveway & Garage

£200,000 No Chain

GORSEMOOR ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented Link Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

OIRO £200,000

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£210,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN

- An Impressive Detached Bungalow
- Impressive Open Plan Kitchen & Lounge Area
- Utility Room & Guest WC
- Impressive Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens

£249,950 No Chain

PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

NEW

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Home
- Through Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory & Family Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Luxury Re-Fitted Ensuite & Family Bathroom

£264,995

MALLARD WAY, PENKRIDGE

NEW

- Superbly Presented Detached Family House
- Through Entrance Hall / Guest WC
- Family Lounge & Study
- Dining Room/ Family Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility Area
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Ensuite & Bathroom

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ONE BEDROOM	EPC B

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TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

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BATHROOM	LOUNGE / KITCHEN AREA
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC C

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Offers Around £125,000

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PRIVATE ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN	MODERN KITCHEN
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC C

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TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

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END TERRACE PROPERTY	LOUNGE
CONSERVATORY	D
THREE BEDROOMS	GARAGE

EPC

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC B

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CONSERVATORY	LOUNGE
SIX BEDROOMS	EPC D

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DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE
DINING ROOM	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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FOUR BEDROOMS	EPC C

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- Four Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage

£245,000 EPC=D

Hednesford
New

Littleworth Road

- New Build Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking

£227,500 EPC=TBA

Hednesford
New

Swallowfields Drive

- Semi Detached House
- Conservatory & Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage

£165,000 EPC=C

Cannock
New

Huntington Terrace Road

- Traditional Terraced House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage & Rear Garden

£115,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock

Pennine Drive

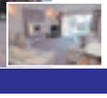
- Extended Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Four Bedrooms
- Large Conservatory

£325,000 EPC=E

Burntwood

Henley Close

- Extended Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage



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Victoria Street
•Detached Family Home•Four Bedrooms
•Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen•Off Road Parking

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Cannock

Pye Green Road
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•Kitchen & Utility Room•Family Room

£190,000 EPC=D

Cannock
New Price

Bradford Street
•Semi Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Three Bedrooms•Shower Room

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Brownhills West

Cherwell Drive
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Cannock

Burns Street
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•Five Bedrooms•Driveway & Garage

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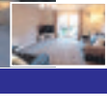

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Cannock

Edward Street
•Versatile Detached House•Large Lounge/Diner
•Conservatory, Wet Room•Fitted Kitchen

£189,995 EPC=D

Rugeley
New

Sharnbrook Drive
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•Open Plan Kitchen/Diner•Driveway & Garden

£155,000 EPC=D

Cannock
No Chain

Devon Road
•Semi Detached House•Three Bedrooms
•Close to town centre•Lounge & Kitchen

£124,950 EPC=C

Huntington
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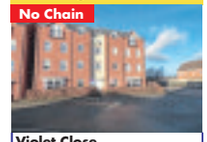

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New

Pavillion View
•Semi Detached•Kitchen/Diner
•Two Bedrooms•Off Street Parking

£135,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
New

Lawnswood Close
•Two Bedroom Terraced•Spacious Lounge
•Kitchen/Diner•Large Driveway & Garage

£125,000 EPC=TBA

An improved and well-equipped one bed mews house

HEATH HAYES

£103,950

An improved well-equipped one bedroomed mews house, 67 Apple Walk in Heath Hayes, overlooks public open space and nature reserve.

In a convenient position and with easily maintained accommodation, it is for sale through Boot & Son at £103,950 with no chain.

It has a well maintained garden, an allocated parking space, a porch, lounge/refitted kitchen area, landing, bedroom and a refitted bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating.

In more detail, on the ground floor the porch has ceramic floor tiles and a storage cupboard with a power point, shelving and a vent for a tumble dryer.

The lounge/kitchen area has laminate flooring and a feature fire surround having a composite marble hearth and an electric fire.

Being refitted, the kitchen area has base units, a peninsula unit, wall cupboards, laminate working

surfaces, an inset stainless steel sink having mixer taps, an electric built-in oven, gas hob, oven hood, plumbing for an automatic washing machine, a storage cupboard, ceramic tiled floor and a Baxi gas fired central heating unit and power points.

Off the landing, the bedroom has laminate flooring and an airing cupboard.

The refitted bathroom is fully tiled. It has a white/chrome suite incorporating panelled bath having an electric shower over, a shower screen, pedestal hand basin, low-flush WC and laminate flooring.

Outside is an allocated parking space and a rear garden. For further information contact Boot & Son on 01543 505454.

Detached family residence is fully refurbished to a high standard

BURNTWOOD

£285,000 >>>

Refurbished and extended, this four-bedroomed detached property in Water Street, Burntwood has multiple off road parking and a 60ft rear garden.

Also with a detached garage, it is for sale through Jayman at offers over £285,000.

A perfect family home its accommodation briefly comprises of an open plan lounge, a kitchen and dining area, a utility room, a guest WC, four bedrooms with the master having an en-suite and a house bathroom.

In more detail the entrance hall has solid oak flooring.

The lounge/diner has French doors to the garden, a gas fireplace and solid oak flooring.

The kitchen has tiled splash-backs, a cooker, hob, cooker hood and integral fridge freezer and dishwasher.

For further information contact Paul Carr Estate Agents on 01543 416567 or visit www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk

View a superbly presented one bedroom coach house apartment

CANNOCK

£99,950 <<<

This superbly presented one-bedroomed coach house apartment in Lakeside Boulevard, Cannock lies in a modern development within Bridgtown.

It is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £99,950.

Road network links are easily accessible to the M6 Motorway and Toll Road, both offering links to Birmingham City Centre. Ideally suited for a first time buyer looking at taking their first steps onto the property ladder, the accommodation in brief comprises of entrance lobby with staircase rising to entrance hall, open plan lounge and kitchen area with fitted gloss units and integrated appliances, bathroom and garage.

The property also has an allocated parking space to the rear aspect and benefits from having double glazing. A viewing is strongly advised.

Contact DB Roberts & Partners on 01543 469966 or visit www.dbroberts.co.uk

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Great Wyrley Office - £529,950

SHARESHILL, WARSTONE ROAD

- Imposing detached residence — 4
- Substantial overall plot — 1
- Superb semi-rural location
- 2 receptions, kitchen, utility
- 3 d/stairs bedrooms, bathroom
- 1st floor bedroom, dressing area
- EPC rating G

Great Wyrley Office - £450,000

GREAT WYRLEY, STAFFORD ROAD

- Fabulous detached residence — 5
- 2 receptions, breakfast kitchen — 2
- Conservatory, guest WC
- 1st floor lounge, dressing room
- Beautiful gardens, driveway parking
- Good sized detached workshop
- EPC rating C

Great Wyrley Office - £436,500

CHESLYN HAY, WALLACE COURT

- Impressive detached house — 5
- Prime Cul-de-Sac location — 2
- Three reception rooms
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating C

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Great Wyrley Office - £380,000

GREAT WYRLEY, STATION ROAD

- Impressive detached property — 4
- One bedroom annexe — 3
- Good sized overall plot
- 3 receptions, guest WC
- Breakfast kitchen with pantry
- Driveway parking, garage
- EPC rating E

Burntwood Office - £375,000

BURNTWOOD, CHASE ROAD

- Unique detached cottage — 3
- Two receptions, kitchen — 2
- Two bedroom annexe
- Substantial rear garden
- Swimming pool, log cabin
- Courtyard, double garage
- EPC rating D

Burntwood Office - £300,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home — 4
- Extensive rear garden — 2
- Ample off road parking
- Open plan living
- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

Great Wyrley Office - £255,000

GREAT WYRLEY, JULIAN CLOSE

- Fabulous detached residence — 3
- Sought after village location — 1
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Light & spacious lounge
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating E

Burntwood Office - £210,000

HAMMERWICH, OVERTON LANE

- Cottage style home — 3
- Spacious open plan kitchen/diner — 1
- Ample off road parking
- Mature private rear garden
- Countryside views to the rear
- Sought after village location
- EPC rating C

Burntwood Office - £210,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home — 3
- Generous rear garden — 1
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

Great Wyrley Office - £187,500

BLOXWICH, AMBERGATE CLOSE

- Superb semi-detached house — 3
- Immaculate interiors — 1
- Through lounge / diner
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Neatly maintained gardens
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Great Wyrley Office - £185,000

GREAT WYRLEY, GORSEY LANE

- Modern mid-terraced property
- Three storey accommodation
- Convenient village location
- Spacious lounge / diner
- Kitchen, guest WC, conservatory — 3
- Garage & off road parking — 2
- EPC rating B

Great Wyrley Office - £184,250

CHURCHBRIDGE, NUTHURST DRIVE

- Superb bungalow — 2
- Prime location — 1
- Fully refurbished
- Lounge, kitchen
- Full width conservatory
- Garage. No onward chain
- EPC rating to follow

Burntwood Office - £180,000

NORTON CANES, HILL STREET

- Semi-detached bungalow — 2
- Cul-de-Sac location — 1
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Loft conversion
- No onward chain
- EPC rating to follow

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Burntwood Office - £180,000

BURNTWOOD, SLADE AVENUE

- Detached bungalow — 2
- Extended accommodation — 1
- Lounge
- Kitchen / dining room
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow

Great Wyrley Office - £179,950

CHESLYN HAY, GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Well presented semi — 3
- Prime village location — 1
- Through lounge / diner
- Kitchen, breakfast room
- Conservatory
- Superb rear garden
- Driveway & garage
- EPC rating D

Great Wyrley Office - £159,950

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Superb period semi
- Spacious accommodation
- Lounge, dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Long rear garden
- Outbuilding with power supply — 3
- EPC rating E — 1

Burntwood Office - £150,000

BRERETON, THOMPSON ROAD

- Semi detached family home — 5
- Integral garage and driveway — 1
- Conservatory to rear
- Front and rear gardens
- Needs modernisation
- No chain
- EPC rating D

Great Wyrley Office - £145,000

GREAT WYRLEY, TOWER VIEW ROAD

- Semi detached bungalow — 2
- Prime village location — 1
- Spacious lounge
- Larger than average kitchen
- Gardens, driveway
- No chain
- EPC rating E

Great Wyrley Office - £118,500

BLOXWICH, MARLBOROUGH STREET

- Superb end-terrace house — 2
- Ideal 1st time or investor buy — 1
- Two reception rooms
- Large breakfast kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Low maintenance garden
- EPC rating D

Great Wyrley Office - £69,950

GREAT WYRLEY, PENNY COURT

- Spacious first floor apartment — 2
- Popular village location — 1
- Suit first time buyer / investor
- Lounge / diner, breakfast kitchen
- Communal grounds and parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

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CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET

- Tradition Detached
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Guests WC
- En-Suite, 4 Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Drive Through Garage
- Viewing Essential
- No Chain

£300,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
FREMANTLE DRIVE

- Stunning Detached
- Excellent School Catchment
- Through Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Garage, Drive
- Viewing Recommended

£209,950

REDUCED

HEATH HAYES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

- Detached Family Home
- Extensive Accommodation
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 En-Suites
- Internal Viewing Recommended
- Excellant School Catchment
- Secure Gated Intecom
- NO CHAIN

Offers Over £360,000

REDUCED

CANNOCK
ELLIOTT DRIVE

- Through Hallway,
- Generous lounge,
- Guest WC,
- kitchen Diner.
- Four Bedrooms,
- Bathroom and en-suite
- landscaped Gardens,
- Detached Garage

£249,950

NEW

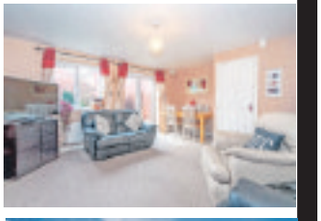
CANNOCK
JOHN STREET

- 3 Bed Detached
- Porch, Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage
- NO CHAIN

£174,950

NEW

HUNTINGTON
ROWAN CLOSE

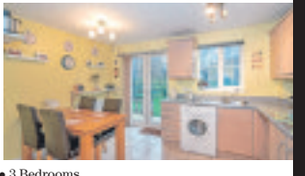


- Modern Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite, WC
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£170,000

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
LOOM CLOSE

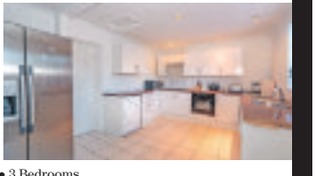


- 3 Storey End Town
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Reception Rooms
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden

£175,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
GREENWOOD PARK



- Heavily Extended Semi
- Hall, Lounge
- Playroom
- Extended Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£159,950

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NEW

CANNOCK
HEDNESFORD

- Deceptive Plot
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility, WC
- 4 Bedrooms
- Drive, Carport
- Viewing

£230,000

NEW

CANNOCK
COMMON LANE

- Fully Refurbished
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Det. Garage
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£150,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CHARTERFIELD DRIVE

- Corner plot
- 3 Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Extended Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage Conversion
- Garden
- NO CHAIN

£209,950

NEW

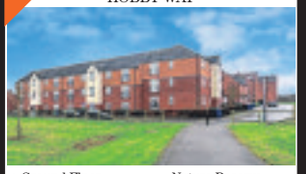
WIMBLEBURY
SWEETBRIAR WAY

- Semi Detached
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Garage

£160,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
HOBBY WAY

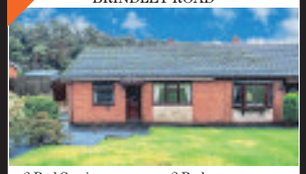


- Ground Floor Nature Reserve
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Overlooking
- Allocated Parking

£115,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BRINDLEY ROAD



- 2 Bed Semi
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Garage
- NO CHAIN!

£169,950

NEW

CANNOCK
ST.JAMES ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Close to Chasewater
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Double Beds
- Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£124,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
PENNY COURT

- First Floor Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking
- NO CHAIN

£70,000

CANNOCK
DEVON ROAD

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£124,950

NEW

BRIDGTOWN
WATERBROOK WAY

- Modern Starter Home
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£130,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
VIVALDI DRIVE

- Modern 3 Story
- Hall, WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- En-Suite
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

£160,000

NEW

CANNOCK
SATURN ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

£125,000

CANNOCK
SMILLIE PLACE

- 3 Bed Semi
- Spacious Loung/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Area
- Bathroom, WC
- Gardens
- Viewing Essential

£120,000

CANNOCK
BURGOYNE STREET

- 2 Bed Home
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen, WC
- Family Bathroom
- Garage, G.C.H
- Rear Garden
- FREEHOLD ON COMPLETION

£110,000 OFFERS OVER

CANNOCK
ULLSWATER PLACE

- Spacious Detached
- Through Hallway, WC
- Dining Room.
- Lounge/Diner
- Study Area
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms.

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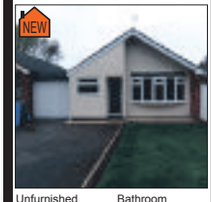


Unfurnished
Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
4 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC Rating E

£795 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
HEDNESFORD ROAD

Unfurnished
Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
2 Garages
EPC Rating D

£750 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

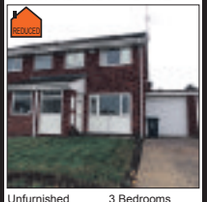
GREAT WYRLEY
ANSON ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Conservatory
GCH & DG
Garden
Parking
EPC Rating F

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

REDUCED

HUNTINGTON
OAKLANDS CLOSE



Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Dining Area
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Garden
Garage
EPC Rating C

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
En Suite
GCH & DG
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

RAWNSLEY
RAWNSLEY ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Parking
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
DEAVALL WAY

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
Awaiting EPC

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Second Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

WALSALL
MOORSIDE GARDENS

Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

PYE GREEN
BROADHURST GREEN

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
EPC Rating C

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

BRIDGTOWN
UNION STREET

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating E

£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
WOODFORD END

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

Unfurnished
Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen Diner
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Garage
Parking
EPC Rating D

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE

Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CALF HEATH
STRAIGHT MILE

Unfurnished
Cottage
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Central Heating
Double Glazing
Garage
Garden
Awaiting EPC

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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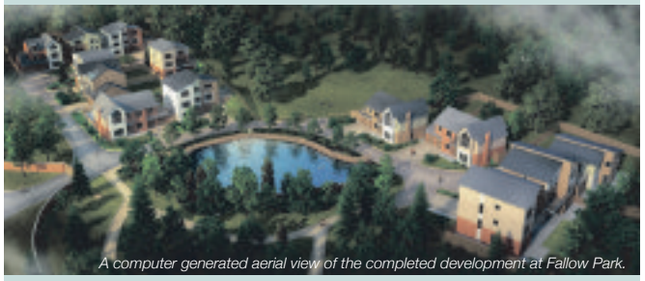

A computer generated aerial view of the completed development at Fallow Park.

Individual architect designed 4 and 5 bedroom detached homes located in a unique development set in an exclusive gated community alongside and with direct access to Cannock Chase.

The Fallow Park development has been planned to retain the existing mature woodland trees and landscape features to seamlessly blend into the surrounding natural Chase environment.

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Conveniently Located For Local Facilities and Access to Cannock Town Centre and Cannock Chase

- Lounge
- Open plan kitchen/dining/family room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Built on garage and extensive off road parking
- Gardens and school grounds to rear
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (82)

£228,950 FREEHOLD

NANT Y DERW, TREGYNON, POWYS

WELL APPOINTED SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING ECO FRIENDLY CONTEMPORARY STYLE ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Village Midway Between Welshpool and Newtown

- 3 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens with stream
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 23 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

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- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC rating B (81)

£109,950

103 STAFFORD STREET, HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities at the Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- All windows double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

£146,950

77 NEW STREET, CHASE TERRACE.

NO CHAIN

SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS With Potential for Extensions, Improvements and For Providing Extensive Off Road Parking/Garaging

- Lounge/dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ornamental corner plot gardens
- Extensive off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£169,950 FREEHOLD

1 NIRVANA CLOSE, CANNOCK

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCORPORATING 3/4 DOUBLE BEDROOMSOccupying Well Stock Corner Plot Grounds with South Facing Rear Gardens Located in this Much Sought After Residential Area Convenient for Access to Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase

- Impressive central reception hall
- Dining room/bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen and breakfast area
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted cloakroom/shower room
- Lounge
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Detached double width garage
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- EPC rating E (53)

£499,950 FREEHOLD

7 LOVATT PLACE, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£146,950

80 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCELocated In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Close to the Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase and Cannock Park to Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen, utility room and cloakroom
- Double glazed conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Intruder alarm
- Part double glazed and gas central heating
- EPC rating E (52)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

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- ❖Family Bathroom and En-Suite Shower Room
- ❖Second Floor Bedroom with En-Suite and Dressing Room
- ❖Private Garden at Rear
- ❖Garage
- ❖Gas Fired Central Heating
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3 CHARLEMONTE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

RECENTLY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch
- Dining area
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garage in court
- Off road parking to front
- EPC rating D (56)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

47 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase And Overlooking Greenbelt Farmland To The Front

- Lounge/dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen
- Lobby and shower room with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage (limited length)
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (47)

£239,950 FREEHOLD

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11A QUEEN STREET, HIGHTOWN, HEDNESFORD

NEW PRICE

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSELocated In Very Convenient Popular Position Close To Facilities and Railway Station at Hednesford Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Lounge and dining room
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (68)

£245,000 FREEHOLD

24 ORCHARD AVENUE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED LARGER GARDENS Located In Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre and Access to Cannock Chase

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£167,950 FREEHOLD

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

TO LET

25 BURNTWOOD ROAD, NORTON CANES

- PROMINENTLY LOCATED VILLAGE CENTRE RETAIL PREMISES TO LET ON LEASE
- PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FRONT AND REAR
- SOME CAR PARKING AVAILABLE
- 214.48M² (2.307 FT²) OR THEREABOUTS

£16,500 PER ANNUM

11 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Convenient For Access To Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Built On Garage
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (51)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

3 OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENTConveniently Located For All Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Fully double glazed
- Allocatd parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating
- Security phone system
- EPC rating C (71)

£90,000

THE BARN, MORETON GRANGE, BISHTON LANE, WOLSELEY BRIDGE, STAFFORD

COMPREHENSIVELY RENOVATED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FIVE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION Occupying Private Well Stocked Gardens With Stables and Paddock Extending To Approximately 1 Acre

- Lounge and dining room
- Study/sitting area
- Farmhouse dining kitchen
- Five bedrooms
- Two en-suites and family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked gardens and paddock
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (50)

£635,000 FREEHOLD

RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS

7 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

ONE BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Located on the Picturesque Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge ◆ Inner hall
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds
- Communal parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating D (68)

£495.00 pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloakroom with WC
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & ensuite bathroom
- Garden & gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

£600.00pcm

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK.

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room & ground floor WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (58)

£575.00pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: G (15)

£120pw

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£745 pcm

195A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: F (32)

£395pcm

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£825 pcm

12 BIRCH TREE LANE, PEAR TREE ESTATE, RUGELEY

REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (61)

£550 pcm

4 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- Sorry No smokers or pets
- DSS considered
- EPC rating C (76)

£395 pcm

BEAUMONT HOUSE, 3 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

LOCATED IN POPULAR AREA WITHIN AN EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Gardens & double garage
- EPC rating: C (76)

£1350pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloakroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

FLAT 3 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating: B (81)

£525 pcm

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Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes
offers over £99,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS have for sale this two double bedroom semi-detached property with NO CHAIN in a ready to move into condition in Wimblebury/ Heath Hayes, near to transport links and schools. The property briefly comprises of a entrance, family lounge, dining room or additional lounge, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom with was hand basin, bath, built in shower cubicle with shower and WC and on the first floor there are two double bedrooms. Externally there is a shared access driveway to the end-terraced which provides parking to the rear of the property for multiple cars and a garden area mainly lawned. EPC: Awaited

High Street, Norton Canes
£110,000

Connells Estate Agents have for salr this three bedroom semi-detached in Norton Canes, near to bus links, schools and local shops. The property briefly comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, fitted kitchen, separate dining room, scope for downstairs WC as there originally was when first built. The first floor comprises of a landing, bathroom with wash hand basin, separate WC, three bedrooms all of a good size. To the front the property briefly comprises of a driveway providing parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is entertaining patio and graveled area and further ron a separate lawn area amongs are various shrubs and trees. The property comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance porch, three bed rooms, WC, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Energy rating: E.

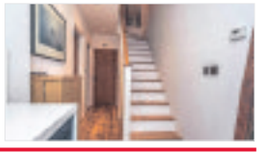
Pheasant Way, Heath Hayes
£125,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom ground floor apartment located in Heath Hayes. The property briefly comprises of open plan modern fitted kitchen, lounge / dining area with juliet balcony, two bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking. Energy rating: C.

Dartmouth Mews, Dartmouth Road
£129,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom, TWO STOREY, maisonette property located in Cannock Town Centre.

The lower floor of the maisonette briefly comprises of hall with study area, two bedrooms and a bathroom whilst the upstairs has a further open plan lounge/ kitchen.



Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes
£149,950

●●● CONSERVATORY ●●● MODERN FITTED KITCHEN & BATHROOM ●●● CLOSE TO CHASE ●●● Viewing is recommended on this immaculate three bedroom modern end terrace property. Ground floor comprises: hall, downstairs WC, kitchen, lounge, conservatory. First floor comprises: bathroom, three bedrooms. Enclosed rear garden followed by allocated parking. EPC: C.

Pheasant Way, Heath Hayes
£152,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom mid-terraced house, located in Heath Hayes. The property is laid out over three floors:- Ground floor; entrance hallway, kitchen/diner and downstairs WC First floor; family lounge, bedroom 2 Second Floor; bedroom 1, en-suite, bathroom, bedroom 3 Externally there is a garage which is in a separate block. Energy rating: C.

Pye Green Road, Hednesford
£160,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house with LOFT ROOM for an ideal fourth bedroom located on the popular Pye Green Road in Hednesford situated near to fantastic schools, walking distance to transport links and local amenities. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory with door into cloak room with WC and wash hand basin, door into garage room which is plasterboard throughout, electrics and lighting so could be used as an additional reception room. On the first floor there are three bedrooms with the loft room being accessed through door on landing and fitted bathroom. Externally to the front there is a driveway providing parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. This property has the potential for a fourth bedroom in the loft with the correct planning permissions. Energy rating: D.

Bridges Crescent, Norton Canes
£165,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, wet room and garage. Energy rating:- D.

Cannock Road, Cannock
£179,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, and garage. Energy rating: E.

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Hawthorne Road, Cheslyn Hay
£185,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this THREE bedroom SEMI-DETACHED property in CHESLYN HAY. On the ground floor the property comprises of entrance porch, lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen and a utility/garage room (with electric roller door to the front) whilst on the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. From the first floor there are stairs leading to the loft room which is partially converted and has lighting and power, there is potential for this to be converted into a fourth bedrooms (subject to correct planning and permissions. Externally, to the front you have a large block paved driveway which allows side gated through to the rear garden which is mainly astro turf. Energy Rating - D.

Pinfold Lane, Norton Canes
£185,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this THREE BEDROOM semi detached property in a READY TO MOVE INTO CONDITION! The property briefly comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, second living room, utility or breakfast room, large kitchen. On the first floor there are three bedrooms all of a very good size and a Family bathroom. Externally to the front there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles whilst to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and a separate lawn area with a mixture of shrubs. Energy rating: E

Prescott Drive, Penkridge
£190,000

●●●THREE BEDROOM SEMI ON ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE CUL-DE-SACS IN PENKRIDGE●●● An extremely well presented semi detached family home located within the popular market town of Penkridge. The accommodation in brief comprises hallway which leads to both a large lounge to the front and a pleasant kitchen to the rear which flows through to a dining room with patio doors opening onto the well presented rear garden. On the first floor are three bedrooms and a Family bathroom. Externally you have a front garden which is mainly lawn, large car port which leads to the garage and a driveway for multiple cars. To the rear you have a rear garden which is hardly overlooked. The property benefits from gas central heating and Upvc double glazing (where specified). Energy Rating:- D

Elms Lane, Shareshill
£240,000

A well presented three bedroom detached dormer bungalow benefits from no upward chain and is in ready to move into condition. The property benefits internally from entrance hall, ground floor modern shower room, first floor study area, lounge and dining room, fitted kitchen, good size conservatory to rear, two bedrooms to ground floor plus further bedroom to the first floor and a modern refitted bathroom.
Externally the property benefits from both fore & rear gardens of which the rear is a particularly a good size, off road parking and garage. Energy rating: E.

Chancery Drive, Hednesford
£240,000

An extremely well presented detached family five bedroom home located in Hednesford. The accommodation in brief comprises hallway, lounge, large kitchen/diner, second family sitting room, downstairs WC and an integral garage. Upstairs you have five bedrooms - the fifth has it's own door as you would expect but it also has an opening into bedroom 1 which would make great space for an en-suite, dressing area or baby room or you could quite easily block that back up and use it as a seperate fifth bedroom. Externally the property has a huge corner plot front driveway for parking, vehicle access to the rear garden is also available via the side gate and a large rear garden. One of the main selling points of the property are the vast views over the fields behind, as the road is situated on a high position the truly are amazing. Energy Rating: D.

High Street, Cheslyn Hay
£250,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this property in the heart of Cheslyn Hay which is within walking distance to Cheslyn Hay Primary and other schools, amenities and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, further family room. Upstairs you have four bedrooms and family bathroom which has been recently fitted. To the front of the property you have the benefit of off road parking and a GARAGE whilst to the rear there is a significantly large garden with a lawn and block pave area. Energy Rating: D.

Fremantle Drive, Heath Hayes
£295,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this five bedroom detached house situated in Wimbelbury. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, family lounge, separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and conservatory. On the first floor the property comprises of a landing, family bathroom with wash hand basin and WC, five bedrooms all of a good size and the master benefiting from having an en-suite and one of the rooms currently used as a study. To the front there is a shared access driveway which provides parking for multiple cars, and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: awaited.

Stafford Road, Great Wyrley
£365,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are delighted to market for sale this impressive three bedroom detached beaming with character and beautiful views to the rear situated in the sought after village of Great Wyrley near to schools, transport links, pubs and local amenities. This property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, downstairs WC with wash hand basin, family lounge, dining room with double doors into modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms all of a good size with the master bedroom benefiting from having a recently fitted en-suite and windows that open completely out on to a superb elevated decking area, bathroom with an impressive power shower, WC and wash hand basin. To the front there are private electric gates with intercom system, block paved driveway, front and rear gardens with various shrubs, trees and water features, summer house at the bottom of the garden, side access to the rear through secure gate and separate access into garage/workshop through door to rear. Energy rating: D.

Manor Avenue, Cannock
offers over £420,000

Connells estate agents have for sale this SIX bedroom detached with FIVE BATHROOMS house located in Cannock Town Centre. This property has been heavily extended and is set over three floors. High quality finished such as underfloor heating (where specified), bi-folding doors in the kitchen/diner, ethernet cables in most rooms and orangery style sky light with feature ambience mood lighting (colour changing technology). The property comprises of the following:- Ground floor - entrance hall, lounge with bay window, 23ft● x 23ft● kitchen/diner/family room, utility room, downstairs WC, downstairs WC, modern fitted luxury kitchen which is open plan into conservatory, utility room. First floor - four bedrooms, one with en-suite and two with jack and jill bathroom and a further family bathroom. Second floor - two bedrooms both with en-suites. Being a corner plot, externally the property has a driveway suitable for multiple cars as well as a huge rear garden which houses a detached annexe / wood cabin which has a lounge, bar/games room, shower room and a garden room. EPC Rating: awaited

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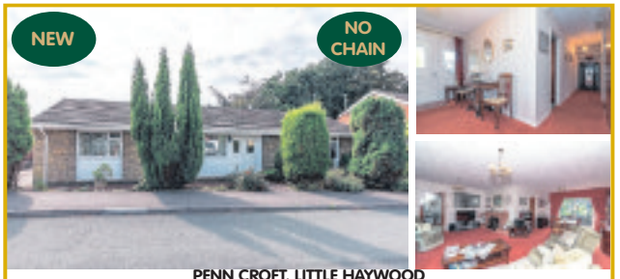


PENN CROFT, LITTLE HAYWOOD

A good sized detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular and sought after village location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Guest W.C., Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to Front and Rear. Garage/Workshop and Driveway. EPC Rating - D

£255,000

HAGLEY ROAD RUGELEY

A well presented two bedroomed mid terraced property located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - E

£125,000

BELLAMOUR WAY, COLTON

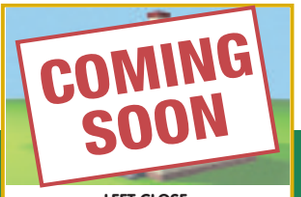
A well presented traditional two bedroomed mid terraced property located in a sought after village location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Side Entrance Door, Inner Hallway, Utility Area, Downstairs Bathroom, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and W.C. Garden to Rear. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC Rating - D

£235,000

CHURCH STREET, RUGELEY

A semi detached four bedroomed family home on a private road, offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Conservatory and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Master Bedroom and Ensuit Shower Room. Off Road Parking and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - E

£189,995



LEET CLOSE HANDSACRE

A modern two bed mid terrace in a village location, full details to follow.

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£135,000

DELAFIELD WAY, ETCHINGHILL

A well presented three bedroomed detached family home in a sought after location. UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Heating . Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport with Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - E

£185,000

LOWER BIRCHES RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached family home in a popular location, full details to follow.

For more information please contact our Sales Team.

£269,950

PARK VIEW TERRACE , RUGELEY

A traditional three bedroomed terraced property, ideal for investment or for a first time buyer and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£117,500

BRACKEN WAY RUGELEY

A three bedroomed end terraced property ideal for a first time buyer or investment in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Kitchen and L Shaped Lounge. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Detached Garage. EPC Rating - E

£119,000

ARMITAGE ROAD RUGELEY

A traditional three bedroomed mid terraced property, full details to follow.

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£155,000

BURNFIELD DRIVE RUGELEY

A three bedroomed link detached in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Large Driveway offering off road parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - E

£143,500

HEDNESFORD ROAD RUGELEY

A modern ground floor apartment in a purpose built development within walking distance to local amenities. Ideally for local bus routes and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£125,000

LION STREET, RUGELEY

A well presented three bedroomed traditional semi detached property within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility and Downstairs W.C. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Paved Front and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - E.

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£280,000

ARCH STREET RUGELEY

A good sized well presented three bedroomed mid terraced property within walking distance to Town Centre and local amenities and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Shared Courtyard Garden. EPC Rating - E

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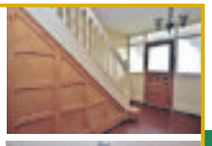
£99,950



TALBOT STREET, RUGELEY

A traditional three bedroomed detached family home offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen Diner, Utility Room and Shower Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Parking to Rear. EPC Rating - E

£245,000

BRERETON MEWS BRERETON

Two bedroom first floor flat comprising of Hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom with shower and Two Double Bedrooms. Allocated Parking. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm

BELLAMOUR LANE COLTON

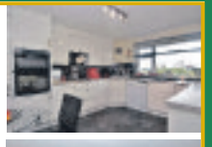
Character cottage in rural location. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room with Inglenook fireplace, Kitchen with range cooker. Two Bedrooms and spacious Bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Gardens to rear. Secure gated off road parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
Deposit £1,100

£795 pcm

TALBOT STREET RUGELEY

This spacious unique three bedroom mid terraced townhouse in need of modernisation having many traditional features is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Gas Central Heating and Open Fire Place. Enclosed Garden with Brick Built Outhouse leading to a Coach House with Studio. Viewing is essential to appreciate the size of the accommodation. EPC RATING - E

£265,000



WAVERLEY GARDENS , ETCHINGHILL

A beautifully presented split-level detached family home benefitting from far reaching views to rear. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Bathroom. On the lower floor there is a Hallway, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom and Utility Room. SINGLE GARAGE and gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - E

£295,000

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DEPOSIT £1377

£995 pcm

OLD SCHOOL MEWS BRERETON

Modern converted property benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Kitchen with some appliances, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS
EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £726.00

£525 pcm

WOLSELEY ROAD RUGELEY

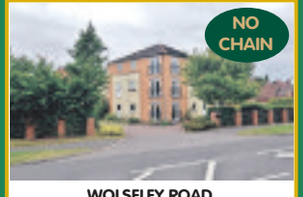
A modern second floor apartment in a purpose built development offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN . Electric Heating and Double Glazing. Comprising of Communal Entrance Hall, Second Floor Landing. Reception Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Master with En-Suite Shower Room, One Further Bedroom plus Bathroom. Allocated Parking. Viewing Recommended. EPC Rating - D

£124,995

LODGE ROAD BRERETON

A spacious extended family home situated in popular residential area within walking distance to local amenities. Enclosed Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, extended Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front with small courtyard garden to rear. Full Length Garage with workshop and outbuildings. EPC RATING - E

£155,000



WOLSELEY ROAD RUGELEY

A ground floor apartment in a purpose built modern development offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Heating. Accommodation Communal Entrance Hall, Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room plus Bathroom. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - D

£119,995

BRERETON HOUSE BRERETON

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DEPOSIT £796

£575 pcm

YORK CLOSE RUGELEY

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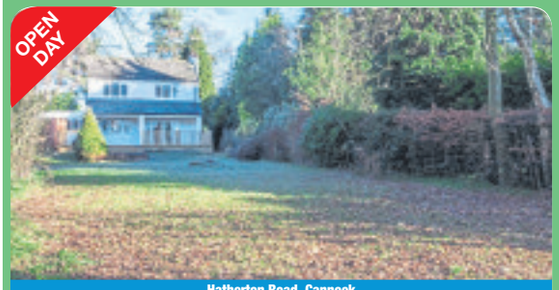
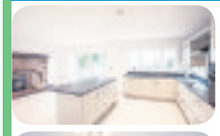
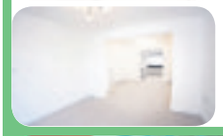


Hatherton Road, Cannock





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- Utility and Downstairs WC
- Secure Parking at Rear

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NO CHAIN

Meriden Close, Cannock

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- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
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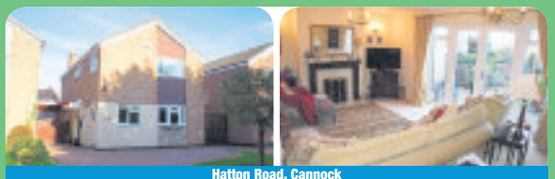

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George Street, Hednesford

- Impressive Corner Plot
- Two Bed Detached Bungalow
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Landscaped Gardens
- No Upward Chain

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Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
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- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
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NEW

Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Traditional Terrace Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Close To Cannock Town Centre

£169,995

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Close To Cannock Town
- Two Car Driveway
- Immaculate Condition

£165,000

Mosswood Street, Cannock

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- Comprehensively Improved
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- Double Glazing
- Alarmed
- No Chain
- EPC - E

£126,950

Charlemonte Close, Hednesford

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Fully Upvc Double Glazing
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage In Block

£120,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating
- Fully Upvc Double Glazed
- Recently Rewired
- No Upward Chain

£110,000

NEW

Sandpiper Close, Hednesford

- Two Bedroom End Terrace
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Porch & Living Room
- Enclsoed Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain Involved
- Double Glazing

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Penkridge Court, Cannock

- Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Desirable Location
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Designated Parking
- No Upward Chain

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Five bedroom detached dormer style house / Quiet end plot on sought after cul-de-sac / Modern fitted kitchen / Double garage / Large plot with good sized rear garden

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Executive Five Bedroom Detached Family Home / Large Reception Style Conservatory / Finished To A High Specification Throughout / Stunning Open Plan Dining Kitchen / Five Double Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £370,000

Walsall Road
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Charming four bedroom detached character property / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Farmhouse breakfast kitchen / Driveway with ample parking

Offers in Excess of £350,000

Wood Lane
CANNOCK

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Gloucester Way
HEATH HAYES

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Extended three bedroom detached family home / Set on enviable corner plot / End of private cul-de-sac / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Several spacious receptions rooms / Driveway

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Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Good sized corner plot / Quiet sought after cul-de-sac. / Re-fitted open plan breakfast kitchen / Driveway with ample parking

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Ullswater Place
CANNOCK

Deceptively spacious five/six bedroom dormer style bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge and open plan kitchen-diner / Private rear garden with brick built workshop

£250,000

Clover Meadows
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan L shaped dining kitchen

£250,000

Nelson Drive
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom detached bungalow / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway providing off road parking

£230,000

Haymaker Way
WIMBLEBURY

Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Detached House / Spacious Reception Rooms / Modern Breakfast Kitchen / Large Master Bedroom With En-Suite / Driveway For Three Vehicles

£225,000

Littleworth Road
HEDNESFORD

Extended and well presented five bedroom family home / Spacious lounge & open plan dining kitchen / Useful downstairs shower room / Private rear garden / Integral garage / Driveway providing off road

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£160,000

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CANNOCK

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£150,000

Pinewood Avenue
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£145,000

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HEATH HAYES

Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

Albert Street
CANNOCK

Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted bathroom / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway providing off road parking

£135,000

Stevens Drive
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom semi-detached house / Well established residential area / NO CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Driveway and private rear garden / Conservatory to the rear

£130,000

Elliott Close
CANNOCK

Two bedroom end terraced house / Newly fitted kitchen / Spacious lounge / Private rear garden / Allocated parking

£125,000

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Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

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Offers in Excess of £120,000

Broad Street
BRIDGTOWN

Traditional two bedroom mid terraced house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Good sized private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Cannock Road
CANNOCK

NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Two bedroom end terraced house / Spacious lounge & open plan dining-kitchen / Modern bathroom / Private rear garden / Allocated off road parking

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- Trade Counter Access
- Two Storey Offices
- Palisade Fenced & Gated Yard
- EPC Rating E-102

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Renault's first new car offers for 2017

Renault has announced a selection of offers that make owning a car from the French manufacturer even more of a tempting proposition.

With a strong focus on convenience and affordability, Renault UK has introduced brand-new two-year 0 per cent APR PCP Selections packages. Available on new Clio, Captur, all-new Mégane and all-new Mégane Sport Tourer, Kadjar, all-new Scénic and all-new Grand Scénic, these deals offer the lowest monthly payments of any of Groupe Renault UK's Selections PCP packages and, as with the brand's other PCP offers, come with the added benefit of no minimum customer deposit.

As an example, the ever-popular new Clio with its recently refreshed styling and enhanced interior and equipment can be driven from only £129 per month on a two-year 0 per cent APR PCP Selections package1. The deal on the Play 1.2 16V 75 version also includes a manufacturer deposit contribution of £850 and a customer deposit of £3,588.

Additionally, Renault UK's popular three-year 3.99 per cent APR Selections PCP packages are more affordable than ever. The deposit contributions are now the same as those for similar deals over a four-year duration, with the additional manufacturer support working to lower the total amount payable and the cost of interest.

Available alongside a variety of 0 per cent APR HP offers, the new and revised Selections PCP packages ensure that drivers enjoy even greater choice when it comes to financing their new Renault.

Cash buyers also benefit from the limited time offers. Notably, there are sizeable savings across the innovative, rear-engined, rear-wheel drive Renault Twingo range with prices starting from only £7,995 for the Expression SCe 70 – representing a saving of £1,500 on the normal list price up to savings of £2,410 on the Dynamique S TCe 90 Auto which is now available from £11,395.

The all-new Scenic is included in the offer

Two year 0 per cent finance on the new Megane

Renault's Clio has recently been refreshed and the interior enhanced

Multiple cash offers are available for anyone considering joining the ever-increasing number of drivers choosing an electric vehicle with the multiple award-winning Renault Zoe in Expression Nav guise available from £11,995 (inc PiCG) – representing a £2,000 customer saving. With the longest range of any mainstream electric vehicle – up to 250 miles (NEDC Combined) or an estimated 186 miles in real world conditions – the new ZOE Dynamique R90 Z.E 40 is now available for £15,845 (inc PiCG), representing a customer saving of £2,000.

Alternatively, the new Zoe Dynamique R90 Z.E 40 can be driven away available on a five year 0 per cent APR HP package with nil customer deposit and a £2,500 manufacturer deposit contribution. In addition to all retail purchases, customers will receive a free 7kW Wall-Box home charger, making their ownership experience of the four-time winner of the What Car? 'Best Electric Car for up to £20,000' and their 2017 'Electric Car of the Year' even more convenient.

With the offers available on vehicles registered by the end of March, customers will save further by avoiding the changes in Vehicle Excise Duty that are applicable from April 1, 2017. By ordering and registering their new Renault before this date they can potentially enjoy three-figure savings.

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Skoda scores triple crown of awards

By James Parker

Škoda has kicked off 2017 with another remarkable haul of titles at the annual What Car? Awards. The all-new Kodiaq, Fabia Hatchback and Superb Estate all won their categories at the ceremony widely regarded as the 'Oscars' of the automotive world.

As in previous years, the event was attended by some of the biggest names in the industry. And, once again, it was Škoda that provided the biggest cheers of the night. The all-new Kodiaq headlined Škoda's triple crown of awards, driving off with the coveted Best Large SUV 2017.

The Kodiaq drove off with Best Large Suv

Fabia retained its Best Small car title for three years

Škoda's Superb Estate took the lead in Best Estate

Favourite

Commenting on the award, Steve Huntingford, What Car? editor, said: "We had high expectations for the Czech brand's first large SUV, and the Kodiaq doesn't disappoint. Our favourite model costs a little more than £28,000, and for that you get seven seats, four-wheel drive, a punchy 148bhp diesel engine and generous equipment levels. It's simply a brilliant large SUV."

Not to be outdone by the newest member of the Škoda family, the Fabia Hatchback continued its remarkable run of awards by clinching Best Small Car 2017.

Crowned overall Car of the Year in 2015, the Fabia has retained its Best Small Car title for three years in a row – confirming it as one of the most complete superminis on the market.

"Over the past 12 months, we've seen plenty of new small cars come and go, but the Fabia still sits at the top of the pile." said Steve Huntingford.

"The Fabia not only feels agile and easy to drive in town, but is also more comfortable and refined at motorway speeds than many larger cars.Its solidly built interior and impressive array of safety kit just set it further apart from rivals. Throw in its interior features and outstanding practicality, and it's a clear winner."

Completing Škoda's collection of 2017 titles was the Superb Estate, which took top honours in the estate car category. Like the Fabia, the Superb retained its crown – comfortably seeing off stiff competition.

Explaining the judge's decision, Steve Huntingford said: "Škoda really has taken a lead in this class; the Superb retains the crown it won last year, and the Fabia isn't far behind it. Practicality, performance, space, comfort and affordability are king here, and no car mixes all these things as phenomenally well as the Superb."

Škoda was also awarded three price point wins on the night, with the Citigo winning best City Car for £8,000-£10,000, Fabia Estate named best Estate Car for less than £18,000 and the Superb gaining an award for best Executive Car for under £25,000.

Further details of the What Car? Awards can be found in the February 2017 edition of the magazine and at www.whatcar.com. Additional assets for all Škoda models are downloadable from www.skodamedia.com

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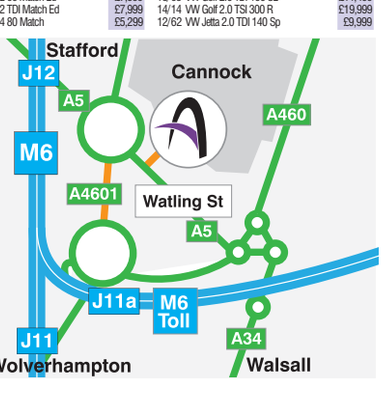

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Nissan is hoping to attract younger buyers with its new customisation options

New life breathed into latest Micra

By James Parker

Let's face it, the last Nissan Micra wasn't exactly a big hit in the UK market.

It was a bit too quirky compared with previous generations and what had been the first-car staple of so many young drivers became the reserve of the older generation.

Nissan has breathed a new lease of life into the latest Micra, though, bringing it into line with the rest of its product range and offering segment firsts on the safety and technology fronts. It's been redesigned from the ground up to offer far better driving performance, plus the combination of standard safety options, improved driving aids and tech developments.

It is also available with must-have extras such as Apple CarPlay integration and high-quality Bose headrest speakerss.

When it comes to looks, the fifth-generation Micra has certainly improved and is likely to win favour with those looking for a stylish but practical alternative to the traditional cars on the market. It's been given that instantly recognisable Nissan chrome 'V' around the badge and an overall much sleeker look.

Micra has improved on the looks-front

It's clear that the target market for Micra is younger drivers and Nissan is hoping to capture the attention of this audience with its new customisation options. There are three levels for this, covering the exterior and interior, meaning buyers have 125 options to choose from and ensure their car stands out.

Focus on interior quality has been drastically improved. Here the Micra really sets itself apart from rivals, with soft flowing lines across the dash, built with soft-touch materials.

The new Micra has a longer wheelbase than ever, and that means more legroom for all occupants. This is another way that Nissan has challenged rivals, as it's moving away from a cramped supermini to a small hatchback. With five doors and a reasonable boot it would be appealing for any family with young children.

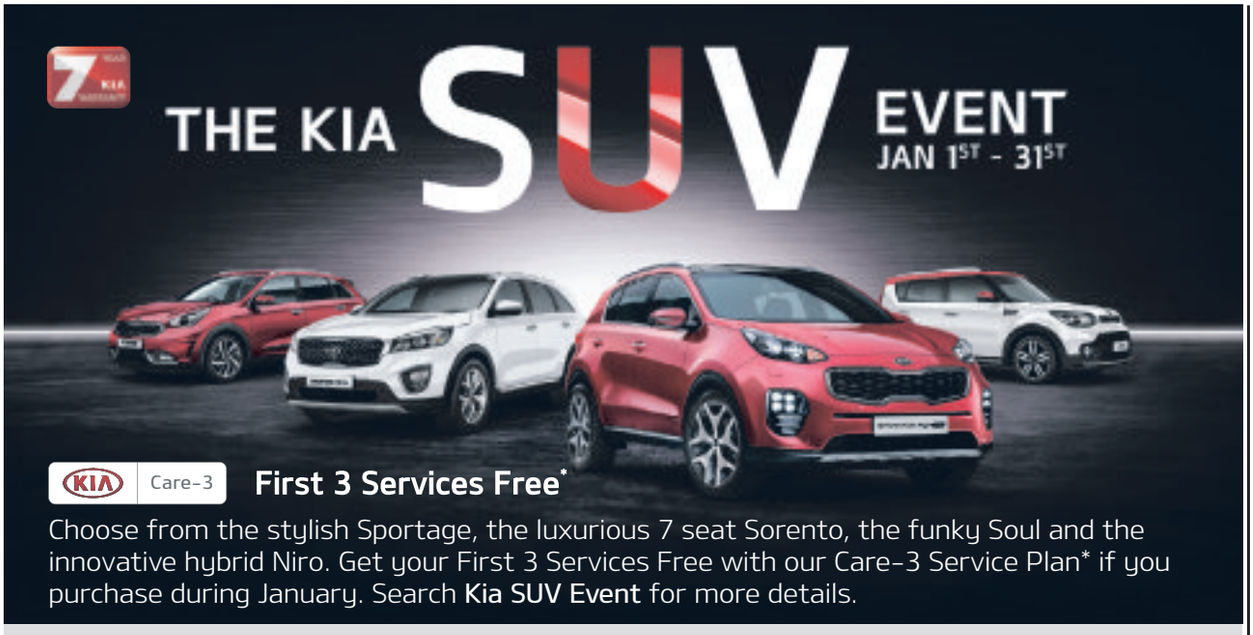
The doors open nice and wide too which makes this a great option for getting in and out of, especially if you're trying to get a child in the back. However, the door openings themselves aren't that big and you'll have to bend over quite considerably.

The Micra is kitted out with lane departure assistance, emergency braking, traffic sign recognition and blind spot warning, meaning you get a really comprehensive range of driving assistance for such a small car. This is standard on the top-spec Tekna but you'll have to pay extra for it if you opt for a lower grade.

The Nissan Micra is available with two engine options at launch – a 0.9-litre turbocharged petrol and a 1.5-litre diesel – both producing 89bhp. From March, when the car goes on sale, there will be a 1.0-litre naturally aspirated engine, producing 74bhp, coming to the UK but details are limited. Currently, it's only available with a five-speed manual gearbox.

According to Nissan, the 0.9-litre petrol engine will achieve 64.2mpg and produce 99g/km of CO2 with stop-start fitted. Its diesel counterpart will do 88mpg while producing 85g/km of CO2. It will achieve 0 – 60mph in 11.9 seconds with the petrol engine, continuing to 109mph, while the diesel will go marginally faster to 60mph in 11.7 seconds, reaching 111mph. The Nissan Micra is a pretty pokey little car to drive in both petrol and diesel guises, although you'll get marginally more out of the little turbo petrol.

The new Nissan Micra is finally a great alternative to the staples of the small hatchback market. It's got the looks, the drive and the economy to become a serious rival worth considering. Take into account the infotainment options available and it makes an extremely strong argument for itself to those not particularly concerned about an inspiring driving experience.



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Ford Fiesta ST best hot hatch for fourth year

Ford's Fiesta ST wins yet another crown to add to the awards shelf

By James Parker

The acclaimed Ford Fiesta ST was crowned the UK's best hot hatch for the fourth consecutive year at the 2017 What Car? Awards.

Enjoyed by over 25,000 owners, Ford Fiesta ST remains a UK favourite since its launch in 2013.

To mark the 40th anniversary last year of the Ford Fiesta – Britain's best-selling car every year since 2008 – the ST200 was added to the range, adding a further 18PS to the 182PS available from the existing 1.6-litre Fiesta ST. Also new last year was a five-door Fiesta ST to complement the original three-door bodystyle.

Steve Huntingford, What Car? editor, said: "The Ford Fiesta ST is impossible to dislike. It leaves rivals trailing on a challenging road because it dives into corners like a terrier chasing a bouncing ball and the steering is full of feel. In normal use, it doesn't disappoint.

"Like all Fiestas, the ST has a decent boot and plenty of cubbyholes and is small enough to feel wieldy around town.

"Fiesta ST is the best all-round hot hatch. It strikes the perfect balance between performance and affordability. It lets you attack B-roads without worrying about the width of the car or how powerful it is.

Ford Galaxy – best MPV (£26,000+)

"In fact, it's sharper than the BMW M140i, which costs almost £15,000 more. To add to its appeal, the ST combines all of this with the reliability, practicality and dealer coverage that has made the Fiesta top seller."

The consumer magazine and website, attracting over 1.95 million monthly users, chose the well-equipped Fiesta ST-2, priced at £18,895, as their recommended model complete with heated Recaro front sports seats and Ford Power push button start.

On receiving the award, Lisa Brankin, Ford of Britain marketing director, said: "Performance vehicles, and the thrill they bring to driving, are renowned Ford strengths. Our new ST-Line range, sitting under ST, to RS and Mustang above it, offer a performance car for everyone. Thank you What Car? for recognising Fiesta ST– the biggest seller in this exciting 2017 line-up."

It is also the fifth successive year that Ford has triumphed in the hot hatch category – prior to Fiesta ST's four-year run of success, the 250PS Focus ST took the title in 2013.

The new Ford Galaxy is also best Multi-Purpose Vehicle for its price, according to What Car?

What Car? named the Ford Galaxy Zetec with 2.0-litre TDCi 150PS diesel engine as its pick of the range.

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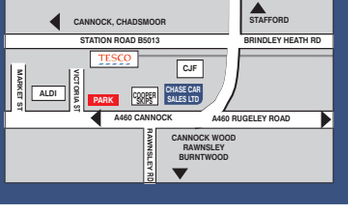

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Alongside a lightly reworked exterior facelift, the new Sandero brings with it a new engine. This three-cylinder unit, known as the SCe 75, becomes the entry point to the Dacia range at £5,995 in basic Access trim, but is also available in the far more popular (Dacia claims around 70 per cent of sales of Sandero) Ambiance specification, as well as the Laureate range-topping model we tested– although this latter combination won't be coming to the UK.

It's built on an old Renault platform

The Sandero sits in the B-segment

DACIA SANDERO, FROM £5,995

The Dacia Sandero has had a lightly reworked facelift and a new engine

Romanian

Dacia isn't a particularly stirring brand. Despite some free and partly tongue-in-cheek advertising for the Sandero on the world's most popular motoring television show, ultimately it's a little-known Romanian brand that builds cars based on older Renault platforms (this one used to be a Clio) and sells them cheaply on a no-frills promise.

It's endearing to an extent and the brand has its admirers and fans, but it's not going to make many car enthusiasts take too much notice – for now.

The Sandero is a roomy car. It's a B-segment hatchback, sitting in the same class as the Ford Fiesta and Vauxhall Corsa, but with a 320L boot – expanding to 1,200L with the rear seats down – it's the roomiest vehicle in the sector.

There's decent space in the cabin too, so it comes with some pretty solid family credentials and even the EuroNCAP rating (at 4 stars) is a decent effort that rivals many in the sector.

There's few things to grumble about in the Sandero's driving manners if you temper your expectations somewhat. The older Clio underpinnings actually do translate to some modicum of handling performance, but it's a little outdated and while you can coax a little fun out of it, distinctly average.

It's largely focused on the comfort of the drive and it scores reasonably well, even on some dismal roads out in the Croatian hills.

The size – and cameras in this Laureate specification – mean it's a doddle around town too.

The Sandero ticks one box for value right away: it's the cheapest car you can buy in the UK.

However, in the very cheapest Access trim, it's almost a false economy, as there's so little equipment that it draws too much attention to the car's shortcomings and detracts from the experience.

Ambiance buyers get air conditioning, DAB radio, Bluetooth for your phone and Aux and USB inputs, and for £6,995 that's a pretty solid equipment list.

The Sandero is very much a car for those who are budgeting for two or three-year old examples of more expensive hatchbacks but still want all of the benefits of a new car.

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ARMSTRONG

Noel

Of Walsall Wood.

Passed away peacefully on January 3, 2017, aged 85 years.

Reunited with his devoted Wife Teresa, also a beloved Dad, Grandad, Father-in-law and Friend.

Requiem Mass will be held at St Frances RC Church, Pelsall, on Thursday, January 26, at 11am, followed by Interment at Streetly Cemetery.

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His Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at Stafford Crematorium, at 10.30am.

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GLEVE

Shelagh

nee Murphy

Of Cheslyn Hay, late of Cannock.

Passed away peacefully on January 6, 2017, aged 75 years.

The devoted Wife of David and beloved Mum of Julie and Twins Lisa and Kerry, also loving Nan, Sister, Aunty, Mother-in-law and Friend.

Shelagh will be received into St. Mary's R.C. Church, Cannock, on Thursday, January 26, at 4pm.

Requiem Mass will be held on Friday, January 27, at 11am, followed by Interment in Our Lady of Lourde's R.C. Churchyard, Hednesford.

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David

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Will be missed by Sons Adam and Jake, Mom Margaret, Stepdad George, Sisters Dawn, Paula, Michelle and Sharon and Family and Friends.

Funeral Service will take place at Stafford Crematorium, on Thursday, January 26, at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The Liver Disease Unit at New Cross Hospital c/o

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HOLFORD

Gordon

Late of Cannock.

Passed away on January 12, 2017, aged 85 years.

Reunited with his beloved Wife Beryl and Son Mick.

Loving Dad of Tony and Joanne, a dear Grandad, Father-in-law and Friend.

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JONES

Travis

(TJ)

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Funeral Service to be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Wednesday, January 25, at 10.30am.

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LEE

Mary

nee Wain

Passed away January 11, 2017, aged 95 years.

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Allan Ronald

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ROBERTS

Julie Anne

Of Hednesford, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2017, aged 56 years.

Will be sadly missed by Husband Ken, Sons Jason and Martin, Grandchildren, Family and Friends.

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SPANSWICK

Rose

Passed away peacefully, January 4, 2017, aged 82 years.

Rose will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at 11am.

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TITLEY

Janet

nee Pritchard

Passed away on December 26, 2016.

Softly the leaves of memory fall, gently we gather and treasure them all.

Unseen, unheard, you are always near.

So missed, so loved, so very dear.

God bless.

Beryl, Bill and Family, Rita, Syd and Family, Chris and Paul, Rita and Family.

in memoriam

COOKE

Marion

Maz

January 11, 2016.

We love and miss you.

God bless.

Baz.

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McLEAN

Eileen Margaret

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We can't believe it's been exactly a year since we laid you to rest.

Kind was your nature, true were your ways.

We will treasure your memories Mum for the rest of our days.

You are and always will be greatly missed by Family and Friends alike.

All of our love

Mike, Adam, Richie, Wassana, Henry and Sasha.

acknowledgements

ALDRED

Rita

The Family would like to thank everyone for their donations to Ward 19, Cancer Unit Heartlands Hospital, which came to £739.54.

We would also like to thank all Relatives and Friends for their sympathy cards and support during this time.

GOUGH

Eileen

The Family of the late Eileen Gough and Mom to Rita Aldred, wish to thank everyone for their cards and support.

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births

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Merida

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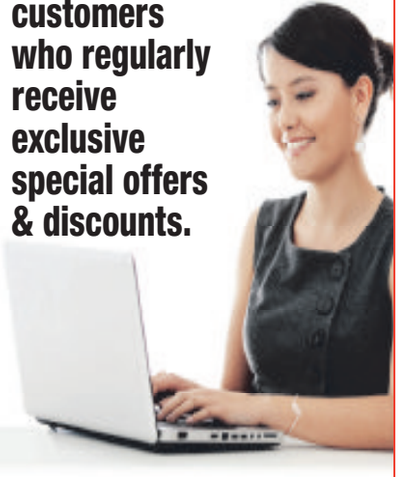

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Dated: January 20th, 2017

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
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Graham Taylor on becoming Wolves boss with chairman onathan Hayward

Graham Taylor is awarded the OBE in 2002

Taylor following his appointment as England manager

Taylor signs Paul McGrath and Kent Nielsen at Villa

Intelligent, visionary and breath of fresh air

IT WAS a hot day in early May, 1990, and Villa fans were bouncing. Literally bouncing.

The final game of the season had ended in a thrilling 3-3 draw at Everton and Villa had finished second in the old First Division behind Liverpool.

The away end at Goodison Park was shaking. It was the first time as a teenage fan I had felt a stand move beneath my feet. I was 18 and giddy with heat, excitement and a few pints at a pub stop just off the M6.

Thousands of Villa fans had made the journey to Merseyside and it was the worst kept secret in football that this was Graham Taylor's goodbye to the claret and blue faithful.

We all knew he would be taking over from Bobby Robson after the World Cup in Italy.

This is the man who had built Watford and taken them all the way from the Fourth Division to the First in five years and capped it with an an FA Cup final at Wembley.

Plunged

Villa, meanwhile, had gone the other way. League champions in 1981, European champions in 1982, they had plunged into the Second Division within five years of that glorious night in Rotterdam.

In the darkest of times of his chairmanship, Doug Ellis made his shrewdest ever move. He recruited Taylor. The new manager was then just 42 and wasted no time in describing the club as 'a shambles' as he walked through the doors of Villa Park.

He was the breath of fresh air all Villa fans had craved. His first season saw Villa promoted back at the first attempt. He brought in David Platt and Alan McInally, while midfielder Andy Gray came in from Crystal Palace as his more famous namesake went out of the door to neighbours Albion.

SPORTING MEMORIES

Russell Youll pays tribute

Taylor later recounted how that farewell moved him to tears. It remains still my greatest memory as a football fan.

Villa finished in second, going up on goal difference ahead of Middlesbrough. The following season, Villa escaped relegation by a single point. But what a season followed.

Taylor signed Paul McGrath from Manchester United and Villa cut a swathe through the First Division, with a classy edge provided by a reborn Gordon Cowans and a rampant Platt. In the end, Villa ended the season nine points behind champions Liverpool but it was a closer race than that.

But when we boarded that bus to Goodison on May 5, 1990, we knew we were saying goodbye to Taylor as Villa boss, although we didn't know then he would return one day for a second spell. When the final whistle blew the players thanked the fans, Taylor applauded the supporters and left the pitch.

But when the Goodison gates opened but not a single Villa fan left. As 'Graham Taylor's claret and blue army' echoed around a stadium devoid of Everton fans, it was clear the Villans would not leave until Taylor returned one final time.

It must have been some 20 minutes after the final whistle when he emerged. I will never forget his hands clasped together in triumph and thanks. Taylor recounted in an interview some years later how that farewell moved him to tears. It remains still my greatest memory as a football fan. For that Graham, I thank you.

Taylor's time at Wolves was fairly brief – he lasted little more than 18 months before he was hounded out by angry supporters and an impatient board. But it was certainly memorable.

It was a huge coup for Wolves to land Taylor in March 1994. Having been vilified and castigated for his role as England boss, Taylor saw it as a chance to resurrect his career – as well as rejuvenate a sleeping giant, backed by Sir Jack Hayward's millions.

Wolves just fell short of the play-offs and then, armed with a warchest of £4.5m, Taylor brought in Tony Daley, Steve Froggatt, Neil Emblen, Don Goodman and John De Wolf.

Four of those five players suffered serious injuries in 1994/95 but Taylor oversaw a truly thrilling campaign. Wolves scored 77 goals, the highest in the league and 10 more than champions Middlesbrough, but conceded 61 (rock-bottom Notts County let in 66).

Injuries, and three 3-3 draws in six games, meant Wolves had to settle for the play-offs again – and Bolton's John McGinlay crushed their dreams.

The next season started badly and Taylor was forced to resign amid supporter protests.

Despite his regrets at not being able to complete the job, he would always speak fondly of Wolves. And those fans (and Jonathan Hayward) who forced him out would concede he departed too soon, especially when watching Taylor take Watford to the top flight in 1999.

Taylor's legacy was laying the foundations for the club's youth scheme and a training ground of their own. He demanded they move to Compton. He also later convinced his Watford protégé Kenny Jackett to take the Wolves job. Another wise decision from a deeply intelligent football visionary.

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Sport

Farewell to a gentleman: Graham Taylor tribute

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Bramall just revelling in dream move

RISING star Cohen Bramall is revelling in his move to Arsenal after going from being made redundant to the Premier League in less than a month.

The 20-year-old left-back, who was let go from his role at Bentley's car manufacturing factory in Crewe just before Christmas, has moved to the top-flight side from seventh-tier Hednesford Town and has already played his first game in Arsenal colours, a 3-1 win over Southampton for the under-23s.

The fee was undisclosed but believed to be around £40,000, and Bramall has put pen to paper on a two-and-a-half-year contract, earning him a reported £3,000 a week.

Bramall with Arsene Wenger

"Incredible, incredible. It's a dream come true… I can't believe that I'm here already. It's mental," he said.

Gunners boss Arsene Wenger said of Bramall: "He has tremendous pace, a good left foot, a great desire to do well. Overall, he's a very exciting prospect."

Arsenal and England winger Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain said: "I was quite inspired to see someone that's been given that opportunity and he was proving himself and holding his own.

"It was great, and then I chatted to him after training and he was just a really good lad and a top boy. Straight away he seemed like somebody I wanted to help, and wanted to see do well."

Steve Price, Hednesford chairman, said: "We are all delighted for Cohen. Everyone at the football club would like to wish him all the very best for the future during what is a very exciting time in his footballing career."

Contentious effort the difference in seven-goal clash

Hilton Harriers 4 Cannock United 3

IN a game that saw six yellow cards and one straight red Hilton Harriers took advantage of the conditions to embarrasses Cannock into being three down after 21 minutes.

Cannock adjusted shape in the second half and drove at Hilton, causing chaos that led to Hilton conceding a penalty against Josh Griffiths. Alex Scott netted.

But the game then hinged on a contentious goal from the hosts. From a free-kick, the ball appeared to miss the post and enter and exit the goal from the side netting. The net had been dislodged and it was not clear that the goal had passed between the posts. But it was allowed to stand and it was 4-1 to Hilton.

Cannock drove on, Griffiths was brought down again for a second penalty, again converted by Scott.

Hilton, up against an onslaught, were shown four yellow cards and a red. Tom Galloway headed home Cannock's third on 72 minutes, but Cannock failed to get a deserved equaliser.

Cannock are home to Pathfinder on Saturday, kick off at 2pm.

Westwood homes in on more goals

Dan Westwood

A FORMER schoolboy prospect who once scored goals for fun with Burnley's Andre Gray is now proving to be one of the deadliest finishers in the non-league game.

With only half the season gone, Dan Westwood has already plundered 49 goals for title-chasing Wolverhampton Sporting in the West Midlands Premier, surpassing his total for the whole of last season.

His form has alerted a number of National League clubs – and at least one Football League side – to his talents. Westwood played in the same Wolverhampton Schoolboys team as Gray and Sheffield Wednesday's Sam Winnall, and was on the books of both Port Vale and Burton before a crisis of confidence halted his progress.

"It was tough for me at first to get to grips with men's football," he said. "I was a scholar at Burton but never really settled. I'd always been used to scoring goals and prided myself on it. Once the confidence goes it is hard to get it back."

Westwood trained as a PE teacher after leaving Burton and played Sunday football before making his move into non-league, first with Wolverhampton Casuals and then Sporting Khalsa. He has rediscovered his golden touch at Wolverhampton Sporting.

Just 14 months after joining, he is already closing in on 100 goals. His exploits include netting five consecutive hat-tricks earlier this season, while he bagged his first-ever double hat-trick in an 11-0 win over Gornal Athletic. He was disappointed, however, after missing a penalty.

"I'm buzzing to have scored so many goals at this stage of the season and I just want to keep going," he said. "I'm happy at Sporting and enjoying my football."

PERFECT START FOR NEW BOSS

Coventry Copeswood 2 Heath Hayes 3

HAYES gave new manager Jamie Hawkins the perfect start.

New signing Luke Delaney, with his first contribution for the club, was unceremoniously brought down in the box and Luke Holmes kept his cool to fire home the resulting penalty.

Copse were level within five minutes courtesy of Stuart Adamson. Delaney restored the visitors' lead on 32 with a 25-yard volley.

Copsewood came out with all guns blazing after the break. The visitors had to endure an uncomfortable 15 minute spell, while Wiggins had to produce a brilliant double save.

The game looked to be safe when Brad Rolston fired home on 85 minutes but the home side pulled one back at the end through Tom Dyke. After entertaining Highgate on Tuesday, Hayes play host to Racing Club Warwick on Saturday.

■ HEDNESFORD Town host neighbours Rushall Olympic this weekend after seeing last weekend's clash at Buxton fall foul of the weather.

It was a busy weekend off the pitch, however. Firstly, defender Kyle Rowley has been allowed to leave Keys Park – linking up with Rugby Town as he looks to get some more regular game time.

Left-back Courtney Wildin has returned to Boston United after his loan deal ended. Boss Paul Casey has brought in Callum Roberts from Shrewsbury Town on an initial one month loan.

The Pitmen have also bolstered their ranks by signing 25-year-old Dan Preston on a one-month loan deal from AFC Telford United, while midfielder Ashley Sammons has left Keys Park, joining old boss Liam McDonald at Solihull Moors.

On the injury front, full-back Lewis Wright has begun his rehabilitation after sitting out the last six weeks with a troublesome knee injury. He was able to partake in some light training last week and will now undertake a strengthening programme after further checks with a specialist.

Midfielder Tom Thorley has spent the last couple of weeks recovering from a hip injury and has returned to full training.

■ CHASETOWN were without a game as their clash at Newcastle Town was called off. They entertain Market Drayton Town on Saturday.

Spot-on for county success

The winning team from Five Ways Primary, Heath Hayes

GIRLS from Cannock's Five Ways Primary School are celebrating after being crowned Staffordshire county champions.

The team from the Heath Hayes school emerged victorious after winning a tense penalty shoot-out at St George's Park – the England national team's training base.

The Year Five and Six pupils made it into the finals of the tournament after previously winning the Cannock and Rugeley area competition.

They progressed through the group stage to make it into the final against St John's Primary, from Essington. Having survived a penalty, the game ended 0-0 before Five Ways won 2-1 on spot-kicks.

Team managers Shelley Marsh, Iain Redpath and Keiran Newey were thrilled with the victory and described the girls as a credit to the school, their parents and themselves.

The girls were cheered on by classmates from the school's boys' football team, who had also won the Cannock and Rugeley area competition to make it to the county final at St George's but were eliminated in the group stage earlier in the day.

Friendly is still full of commitment

Burntwood A 15 Tamworth A 7

BURNTWOOD welcomed Tamworth to The Sportsway for a fixture which was designated as a friendly but was still full of commitment by both sides.

The hosts opened the scoring after eight minutes. A penalty kicked to the right corner led to a close range line-out. Possession was lost but the clearance kick led to another line out on the 22 which was won.

Winger Dan Garrity chipped over the forwards and when the Tamworth defender fumbled, Garrity was there to touch down in the corner.

Burntwood went close to increasing their lead with a burst from Luke Rookyard but the next score didn't arrive until 25 minutes. A patient build up saw the forwards set up a close range maul from which scrum half Rob Jones darted through.

Sean Latham's side were good value for their half-time lead but other promising opportunities were lost due to errors in the worsening pitch conditions.

Play in the third quarter was confined to midfield until Burntwood were able to advance with the award of two penalties.

Both were kicked for ground down the left touchline. With line out possession secured close to the visitors' try line, Adam Black rolled off the maul to touch down on 60 minutes.

In added time the visitors gained some reward. They tapped a penalty inside the home 22 and kept the ball alive well through the forwards to score. A successful conversion ended proceedings.

Burntwood sent a youthful 3rd XV to face Bloxwich 2nds and they returned with a 43-12 win.

On Saturday Burntwood return to league action at Clee Hill. The 2nd XV host Newcastle 2nds. On January 27, the club hosts a Burns Night celebration. Tickets available at the clubhouse.

Cricket club indoor training under way

CANNOCK Cricket Club's new indoor training sessions are open to junior players of all abilities on Monday nights.

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